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Editorial

The Future

Dr Ford once said at a GNU seminar that there were two things that humanity could not cope with—peace and prosperity. The western world has enjoyed both of these since the Second World War over fifty years ago.

Among the many trends that have occurred over that time has been a continual decline in church attendance.

There is nothing new in this. On many occasions in the Old Testament when Israel and Judah enjoyed periods of prosperity, the Temple often fell into decline, sometimes almost ruin, due to so few going there to worship.

It seems that continual peace and prosperity breeds a people who are sufficient unto themselves, who feel that they do not need God anymore. For them, is the theme of Frank Sinatra's famous song, '*I Did It My Way*.'

This self-sufficiency makes for private, tolerant, noncommittal people who are very reluctant to commit themselves to any organisation which has a public statement of purpose or belief, and which also demands their loyalty.

So we find that the numbers attending church have fallen, but also going through the same experience are political parties, trade unions, service clubs, Masonic Lodges and even bowling clubs, so we are not on our own.

Those of us who worship in small congregations or groups have been aware of this situation for years. Every time someone leaves we wonder how much

Jesus said in Matthew 16: 18, 'I will build my Church.' Even though it may at times be only a remnant, it will always be here until he comes again.

In a recent sermon preached at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, the preacher, the Rev. F. R. Anderson said, 'Do declining rolls mean a dying church, or one that is being trimmed back to fighting weight, free of the baggage of those who want their name on the manifest, but prefer to stay on the shore?'

I like to think we are being trimmed back to fighting weight ready for whatever God may have in store for us in the future. It could be similar to the days of Gideon, when only three hundred were needed to gain victory.

The truth is, life is a war and Jesus is our Captain, so let us, as the old hymn says, continue to travel 'Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war.' The victory has already been won at Calvary, it is just the mopping up operations that we are involved in.



longer we will keep going. Yet, we still do. Invariably someone new turns up and fills the empty seat.

Unlike other organisations, we are in the unique situation where we know we belong to God and it is he who has brought us together and keeps us that way.

Roger Jones
- Editor



Focus on the Gospel

Dear Friend

What has Christ done for you? What is there in your life that cannot be explained without reference to Christ? In the New Testament we come across men and women who are dazed with wonder at the colossal good fortune that has come to them in Christ. They seem not to be able to stop themselves pouring out the whole astounding story to anyone who comes near.

An example of this excitement can be read in Revelation 1:5-6 '... to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood.'

A lifetime of gratitude lies collected in those words. John means that Christ has given people back their self respect. The Gospel takes for granted the enormous fact of sin; the tragic deformation of human personality. Every soul knows what it means to have to contemplate this loss. We each know what shame is. We have regret. We feel the pressure of our own ideals when we fail to match them. So the lament gushes out from every human heart: If only I had not been so foolish. If only I had been less selfish. If only I had been more patient. Oh that I could have a fresh start. If I could just be saved from my failures. 'Oh that a man might arise in me, that the man I am might cease to be.'

John expresses the thought that all such longings have been met and granted in Jesus. In the four gospels, page after page displays Christ coming to crushed, crouching people who have long since accepted defeat and have given up trying, who read their own condemnation in the eyes of their fellows. To each one, Jesus spoke as if they were of utmost value, until, infected by his faith in them, they left their sickened lives and went on to better things.

Some believe that on Patmos John was a convict in a quarry. He was chained to some of the most obscene criminals in the world. Night and day he could not get away from their pollution. So his words may reflect a similar circumstance with respect to sin, 'I was a slave' he says. 'I was chained to a hideous thing from which I found no escape. The hideous thing was me. I struggled to lift myself above the fractured and scarred person that I was. I wanted to be a whole person. I wanted to be a more coherent, truer, kinder and braver man—I could not. But Jesus loved me and set me free from my sin.'

To have been set free from sin is no idle matter, existing only in the fancies of those who are religious. Rather, it is a real happening which involves the complete reintegration of the personality. It is an event that takes place in the very vitals of being. The New Testament Christians knew the truth of it and they cried out in astonishment, 'He loved us and set us free! God is at peace with us. He has no ill-will; no grudge. He has no mind toward us but the thoughts of peace and kindness.'

Such was the jubilant gladness of those who first knew Jesus. What does he mean to you? May God keep you forever.

Yours in service



RON J ALLEN



From The Chairman's Desk



dantly, regardless of our circumstances. It is as we rest in our Heavenly Father, our best friend, that success is tempered by duty and discouragement soothed by hope.

Matthew 15:13 'Every plant that my Heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.'

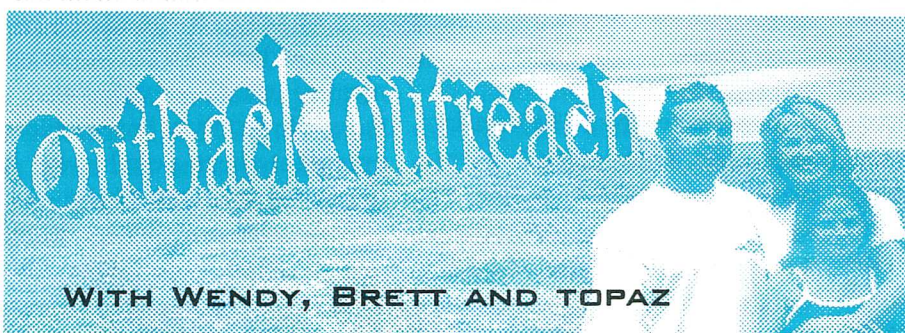
So often people can be absorbed in believing this or doing that—good things in themselves perhaps—but how often do we undertake such pursuits and neglect the 'better part'.

The abiding relationship of trust is the 'pearl without price', it is this that provides life abun-

The human ego needs the wise hand of our Father in heaven. Though we preach and teach with the tongues of angels and are learned in all human affairs, unless we are planted by the Divine hand, we labour in vain.

Christianity is not what you know—but Whom.

CLEM MOSS.



Hello Everyone

We want to begin this letter with thanks. First of all we would like to thank God for blessing this ministry and for answering so many prayers.

Thanks also to those of you who are supporting this ministry with your prayers—you are a special part of this outreach. To those of you who responded to GNU's request for donations towards a caravan, a heartfelt thank you, as we now have a compact Golf pop-up camper with everything we need to be comfortable. Travelling will now be much easier and more relaxing than it has been in the tent.

We have spent the last month in Bundaberg to establish some relationships and friendships with people and Pastors also to allow Topaz to have some stability in her school and to spend time with her friends. This has been an important time for us as we are now part of a supportive, small group fellowship. God also provided four weeks of work for Brett helping in the building of a house. This has enabled us to catch up a little financially and to put new tyres on the car.

In our last letter we asked you to pray for the establishment of religious education in the three public high schools in Bundaberg. God has really moved the hearts of those involved and broken down the barriers between denominations—unity in this area has

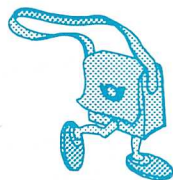
begun. The last combined ministers meeting in which we presented a programme suitable for religious education was very positive and supportive. We have now been appointed to assemble a team of Christians from all churches to train and guide them in the presentation of Christian teaching in public high schools. This is very exciting. We will begin teaching in the fourth term of this year, so please continue to pray for Christian unity and a committed team of people to teach. As we are writing this letter we are at an art camp for youth, Wendy is a leader. There are about 120 people of which about half are Christian. It is exciting to watch the change in hearts and faces of the kids as they discover Jesus in the fellowship, the singing, the worship and the Christians around them this week. In two days we will be heading to far north Queensland for about 5 weeks. In this time we hope to be able to cover from Townsville to Cairns and Cooktown, calling in on everybody on the mailing list. We have spent some time preparing for this trip. If you live in the far north QLD region we will look forward to meeting you soon. If you live in the southern states of Australia, please give us a call if you have a need or would like us to call on you, as we expect to have covered just about everyone in Qld soon and we are praying now for direction as to where we should head next.

Once again thank you for your support. We pray that God will lift you up and wrap his arms around you letting you know how much he loves you today.

In Jesus.

Wendy, Brett and Topaz.

Letters



Dear Dr Ford

I pray that you take this as a correction from a brother in Christ, done in love and not in any other regard.

You tried very well at the 2300 days as pertaining to Antiochus Epiphanies, but you have misapplied it historically.

When Jesus (Y'shua) spoke in Matthew 24 to the disciples, he said 'When you see the abomination of desolation spoken about in Daniel . . . ' This means that the abomination has not yet occurred. Ruling out Antiochus Epiphanes completely as he happened way before this teaching of Y'shua.

Please refrain from any false teachings and leading people astray as you will be accountable before God on these teachings.

Thank you for your attempt at interpreting Scripture.

The 2300 days has to be tied to the 490 years spoken of in Daniel 9. Also the beginning of the 2300 day/years starts at the going forth of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem.

In love, to the Glory of His name Y'shua Ha Mashiach.

D V Aust.

My Dear Friend

Thank you for your email.

With the best of intentions it is yourself who is doing the misleading. You have not studied John 10:22 about the Feast of Dedication which Jesus attended and which commemorated the cleansing of the temple after Antiochus Epiphanes. Matthew 24:15 predicts a yet future application of Daniel's prophecy—not the only one.

You also misunderstood the Hebrew word translated in the King James Version of the Bible 'determined' (See modern translations).

Ezra 7 is a temple decree, not one to rebuild the city. See my Glacier View manuscript for many, many pages on all of this.

Warmest regards

- Des.

Dear GNU

Thank you for the extra copies of *The Good Newsletter* containing articles from *The Next Step* magazine. Our 'group' is very pleased to have them and I like the thought of being involved with the wider Christian world. So often we, in small country communities, feel isolated spiritually. Eventually, I hope the wider exposure will lead us to far greater commitment to Christ.

We had a wonderful Easter Friday here. The lay people of the Catholic Church, (a simple weatherboard building) organised the Stations of the Cross to be presented by the Anglican Lay-Reader—about forty people attended. They 'seconded' myself and my little organ, also our very special, young violinist, Laura Saunders—now a university student—to provide music.

The underlying theme was the hymn, *Were You There ?* We played softly during periods of meditation after Scripture readings. It was one of several hymns sung in full, and it continued to be sung softly and spontaneously as we played it for meditation throughout the service.

The hymn chosen for the congregation to sing as they left

the church was *How Great Thou Art* and we expected them to move out, singing as we played. However, everyone was enjoying the whole uplift of Christ so much, they stayed firmly inside until the last note. It was a moving experience for everyone. There were people saying that it was the most beautiful Easter Friday they had ever experienced. I have special memories of hugs that were close to tears as we left the church.

I was sorry on only one count—folk who could have been there, weren't. They missed a happening far bigger than anyone had planned.

Thank you for all the help you provide and for the encouragement to see ourselves as part of the whole family of heaven. Please pray that these people will be drawn ever closer to Christ.

E P Vic.

GNU

Unfortunately, I cannot download Brad McIntyre's article on the Investigative Judgement from your web page (maybe a program error on your site?) Would you please email me that article.

Also, I would like to ask if there is any possibility to get more articles of Desmond Ford about Daniel 8:14?

I am from Moscow, Russia. Actually, nobody among Russian SDA's knows about Desmond Ford. Church leaders and ministers give no information about problems around 1844.

Because of our economic crisis (big devaluation of Russian currency) I cannot afford to order Ford's books, so I will be grateful for any article that seriously deals with 1844 problem., since SDA people in Russia want to know honest information about their church history and doctrines.

With best regards

M N Russia

Dear Sirs

I have researched the Scriptures intensely for the past five years because I felt that the doctrines promoted by my former church were not correct. The conclusions I have reached may appear to be startling, yet nevertheless, I believe to be true.

1). Most of the Old testament was written during the Babylonian exile, or later. (597-538 BC) and as such, the events portrayed historically in the Bible prior to these dates were influenced by that background. How do I know this? Probably the most important clue is the use of the number seven, the basis of which, of course, constitutes the Jewish sabbath.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica (v3 P596) the seven day week was unknown prior to the exile and may owe its origin partly to the four, seven day phases of the moon, also, partly to the Babylonian belief in Hebdomadism—the sacredness of the number seven.

'After the conquest of Jerusalem (587 BC) the Babylonians introduced their cyclic calendar and the reckoning of their regnal years from Nisami 1. The Jews now had a finite calendar with a new years day and they adopted the Babylonian month names, which they continue to use.' (P 600)

So enamoured with the number seven did the Jews become that they incorporated it into all their laws, including of course the fourth commandments. The number seven appears in the Bible no less than 435 times.

2). But there is far more involved here. During the Babylonian captivity the Jews matured as a people, 'Following the Babylonian conquest, their religion developed from a sacrificial temple cult into an elaborate code for daily living which became the basis for communal identity.' (Ox-

ford World Encyclopedia P 737)

3). As far as the book of Daniel is concerned, this book was completed in 165 BC following the Macabean revolt and is no way prophetic, in fact the Jews do not list this book among their prophetic writing.

4). There are, of course, other clues too numerous to mention here, but suffice to say anachronism rates highly in Jewish literature devices as far as the New Testament is concerned. Most of it, apart from Paul's writings, was written later than AD 70 (including the Gospels). This certainly put the so-called prophetic sayings of Jesus in their proper perspective. How easily it is to write about it after the event.

The Jews, judged by western culture, were cheats, but not according to their culture, where the end justifies the means. In their case, it was to promote themselves as having a one-to-one relationship with the Divine and to relegate themselves as being the 'chosen people', also, to condemn all other nations around them—in complete contradiction of the biblical principle that God loves all people.

Unfortunately, Christians have fallen for the Jewish myths and legends hook, line and sinker and have perpetrated them into the situation we have today. This situation arises because we, as Westerners, attempt to interpret an eastern religion, based on our own culture and standards and we fail miserably in the process.

By the way, the Jews never regarded Jesus as the Messiah and still don't today. They believe that the Messiah won't come until the Jewish Temple is rebuilt. How could we be so taken in?

I am not an atheist, nevertheless it grieves me to see how commercial interests have taken over what could have been something spiritual and beautiful.

E D NSW

Dear E

Thanks for your letter to us here at GNU. It seems like you have been doing a lot of reading. Your observations about the Scriptures and the influence of Jewish history and culture upon them are interesting.

You are of course, not the first to find out that things you once believed in were not in fact true. I have come to think that it is a natural part of human life—to continue to grow in Spirit requires a continually expanding intellectual adjustment.

I am not equipped to offer you any well-informed discussion on the book of Daniel. I have read enough to know that there is widespread scholarly support for some of the views you have stated.

However, the Christian agenda does not stand or fall on the prophetic bona-fides of the book of Daniel. What we are interested in is Christ. He is such a formidable personality. No one can dismiss him lightly. He stands at the centre of human existence because, without the values he lived and died for, life for us would be unlivable.

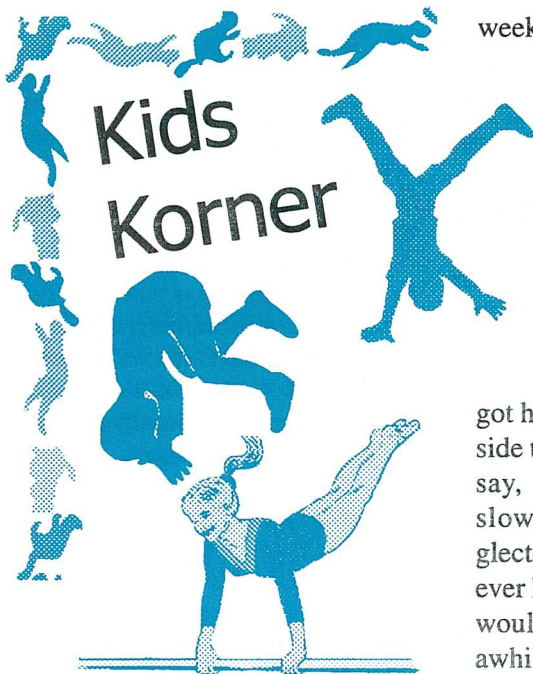
I would also note that Jesus was a Jew. It is this aspect of him that lends credibility to so much that comes from Judaism. Jesus made it clear that he had something far greater than Judaism to bring to the world, but that does not mean that he despised everything Jewish. Indeed, he treated much of the Jewish faith with respect and incorporated it into his manifesto. Many of his sayings have their roots in Jewish culture.

May we encourage you to continue in your pilgrimage. We believe that God leads us all in our honest quest for truth. We also believe that we shall find no community that perfectly represents the truth of God. It is left for us to humbly walk by faith, not sight; accepting one another and in honour preferring one another till we all finally come into the face-to-face knowledge of God that awaits us finally

We thank you for taking the trouble to express your thoughts to us. You know you are welcome to fellowship with us at any of our gatherings.

May God be your close friend.

Ron J Allen.



The Parrot

There was a little old lady who lived in a small house. On the front porch of the house hung a big red cage in which there was a green and yellow parrot.

One day Alice, Betty and David were passing the house and the old lady said to them, 'Would any of you like a parrot? I've had this one for a long time and I'm tired of his chatter.'

They all cried out 'Yes! I will have the parrot.'

'Well laughed the old lady, 'I only have one parrot to give away so let's sit down and think what to do.' So they all sat down on the front porch and thought.

After some time the old lady said, 'I will give the parrot to each of you for one week, and while you have him you can teach him something new to say.'

She pointed to Alice and said, 'You teach him to say "Good morning" and you, Betty, teach him to say "Good afternoon." David you teach him to say "Good night." When each of you have had the parrot for one

week, bring him back to me and I shall decide who gets to keep him. Here Alice, you take him first.'

All of them supposed that whoever taught the parrot the best would be able to keep him.

Alice hung the parrot's cage in the lounge room when she got home. Every day she sat beside the cage to teach the bird to say, 'Good morning.' He was slow to learn, and Alice neglected her regular work. Whenever her mother called her Alice would answer, 'Not yet, wait awhile' and she would continue to talk to the parrot.

By the time the week was up the bird had learned to say, 'Good morning.' And Alice was happy.

Then it was Betty's turn. She took the parrot home and hung it upstairs where she could be alone with it all day long. Whenever her mother called for Betty, she would answer, 'Don't bother me.' Before the week was



over, she had taught the bird to say very nicely, 'Good afternoon.'

When David took the parrot to his home he hung its cage in the kitchen so he could talk to it while he did the dishes and swept the floor. Often he would sit down beside the cage and talk

to the funny green bird, but whenever his mother called he answered, 'Coming Mummy.'

At last the three weeks had ended and the children took the parrot back to the old lady. They put the cage onto the table then they all sat around to find out who would get to keep the bird.

The parrot looked at each of the children, jumped to the bottom of the cage and cried, 'Good morning! Good afternoon! Good night!'

'Oh dear' said the old lady, 'how can I tell who should have the parrot?' Then she smiled and suddenly called, 'Alice, Alice.' The old lady had no sooner called when the parrot opened his mouth and shrieked, 'Not yet, wait awhile.'

Then the old lady called, 'Betty, Betty.' The parrot answered, 'Don't bother me,' in a harsh voice.

When the old lady called out 'David, David!' The bird said, 'Coming Mummy.'

'Isn't he the smartest bird you ever saw?' said Alice. 'May I have him please?'

But the bird answered instead, 'Not yet, wait awhile!'

'You'll come home with me, won't you?' pleaded Betty.

'Don't bother me!' said the parrot very rudely.

'I hope, parrot, that you will come home with me' said David.

'The parrot flapped his wings and said 'Coming Mummy.'

'You see children, the parrot has made up his mind, he answered you in the very words he heard you speak, so David, he must be yours.'

The parrot flapped his wings and danced up and down as David carried him away in his big red cage.

— *Highways to happiness.*

Picture to colour



Art work By L D C Hartley

Quiz -

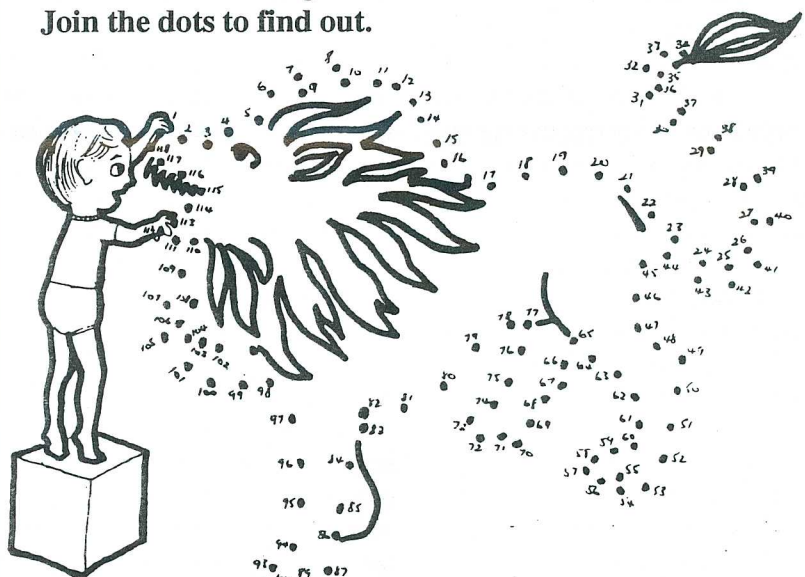
- 1.) Who said to Jesus: 'My Lord and my God'?
- 2.) Who said that Jesus is: 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords'?
- 3.) To whom was the title 'Master' often given?
- 4.) 'You call me Master and Lord and you say well, for—.'
- 5.) Why did Jesus say the Son of Man came? (Luke 9)
- 6.) **FIND**—'Not everyone that says to me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that (a) *does the will of my Father*; (b) *remembers my name*; (c) *is in the Lamb's book of life*.
- 7.) **Unscramble:** Mraelc - (1 Samuel 25) Sairachaz - (Luke 1)

Stretching

You may stretch your mouth in jolly fun;
You may stretch your legs in a good long run;
Stretch your arms above your head, Ruth
But never, never stretch the truth

Author Unknown

What is Zac looking at?
Join the dots to find out.



Hero Upon Death

Norreen Hartley

Disciples sleep upon a hill The Hero sighed and prayed and cried For soon they'd say, 'The Hero died.'	With mocking plaited wreath of thorns A Hero died, he didn't hide For his Father's will be done
Those thirty pieces were His price That Hero died and Judas lied For Scriptures were fulfilled.	With love that thwarts the gates of hell A Hero died, was cruelly tried For the likes of you and me.
Upon the cheek a kiss was laid The Hero died, the soldiers eyed For now they had their man	Shoulders tortured—heavy laden This Hero died, was crucified For all us worldwide sinners
An ear was lopped off with a sword The Hero died, the servant survived For the Hero touched him.	Covered with drops of sweaty blood A Hero died, they pierced his side For they knew not what they did.
The cock was heard to crow two times The Hero died, Peter denied For human fear	Sisters and mother torn with grief When the Hero died, mother cried For she'd lost her precious son
Two hands within a washbowl splashed That Hero died, Pilate contrived For no blame he would hold	'Surely this was the Son of God' The soldier sighed as Jesus died 'For me', you'll say, 'The Hero died!'

Norreen is a year ten student at Tweed Valley College, Murwillumbah.

Proverbs 10:17

'Anyone willing to be corrected is on the pathway to life.'

My father once told me, 'To become a better man than I am, you will have to develop some different ideas from my own.'

Wise words from a wise man, and I am only just beginning to realise how much courage it took him to speak them. Now that I am firmly in mid-life. I keep seeing dismaying evidence of 'hardening of the categories'. This is a deadly disease that can shut me off to life's adventures and turn me into a frustrated man, bitterly longing for the past. I have always hated to be corrected. My motto could have been, 'My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with facts.'

However, when I was young I was inherently open to new ideas. I found myself constantly looking for developing trends and innovative approaches to life. Ironically, those innovations led me to success

which caused me to close down to further growth. Success actually is the greatest breeder of future folly.

In graduate school we watched a series of horrifying films about the Challenger disaster. NASA's successes caused them to ignore a steady stream of warnings that would have prevented the Challenger from exploding. Right up until the last moments before the launch, a group of courageous engineers attempted to stop the launch. However, the decision makers were not willing to be corrected. They live with the knowledge that their refusal to be corrected, cost brave men and women their lives.

Those of us in management in business or in other positions of authority have to work hard to make sure people are encouraged to correct us. If we 'shoot the messenger' who dares to suggest we are wrong, we will be allowed to sail our ship into the rocks.

Many times business leaders

experience success with a strategy after it has lost its effectiveness. Churches have long been known to do that same thing, missing entire generations due to methods that have lost the ability to connect to contemporary people.

In recent years, 'if it ain't broke, break it' has become a popular slogan, because it reminds us to keep stretching the boundaries. We must not become complacent in success.

Families also require open-mindedness and flexibility. As children grow into different stages, parenting styles have to adapt. As one who has made numerous mistakes as a father, I can testify that being willing to admit our mistakes is a powerful tool for parents.

Thirty years ago my father gave a message in which he showed that one of the main reasons Jesus was crucified was because key people could not say, 'I was wrong.' For many of us, those are the three most difficult words to speak. They are the price of growth in all our relationships. Without them we are closed into our present worlds like people assigned to a prison cell.

Mike.

Mike Nelson's writings have appeared from time to time in our publications, giving us much to ponder upon.

Mike has, for a number of years, battled a liver disease which at times laid him very low. He has throughout his years of illness, continued to uplift the Lord with speaking appointments in many countries, and in the last few years has blessed many with his spiritual insight by email as well.

Mike had been waiting for a liver transplant, and as the time drew near for his transplant we received the following emails.

Tuesday 27th April

'I warn you guys, I am going to hit you with three emails today I want

to share with you a new realization that has come to me as a direct result of my waiting for my transplant. My wife, Jody, came up with a new title for it last night: I am going to be 'de-livered' . . . I have realised I really had no idea how severe the effects of this disease has been on my body while I was busily travelling the world, preaching and working. So today is a day of gratitude for me, for God giving me good health—particularly in the past twelve years.'

Wednesday 28th April

'My Dear Friends, It is 12:45am in Denver. I have stopped by my office to send this email. We are on our way to University Hospital in Denver for my liver transplant. 'I can do all things through Christ who is my strength . . . Please join us in praying for the family of the person whose generosity has made this possible.'

Wednesday 28th April 10:54am Transplant false alarm.

'Well, the "King of Drama" continues to go to great lengths for a little attention! After spending all night at the hospital waiting for my new liver to be harvested and brought from Kansas, the surgeon decided the liver was not adequate for the transplant. (I even had cute little white socks on.) The transplant was cancelled about 45 minutes ago . . .'

Thursday May 6th 11:41pm.

'Hello Everyone, Well it is nearly midnight and I am on my way in for my transplant, The hospital says this looks like a certainty because I have a young donor. It is almost unbearably sad to think someone is giving me life this way. I am at peace and feeling very positive about the process . . . Thanks for the support you have given me over the last few weeks.'

Saturday 8th May 9:14 - Kathryn.

'Hello Everyone, Jody has just called in to say that Mike is out of

surgery and doing fine. They have him in intensive care on a respirator, but this is normal. Keep all your good thoughts and prayers flowing. The Lord is hard at work!'

Wednesday 12 May - Kathryn.

'Mike's condition is still serious. However, Jody reports that his new liver is beginning to function more. The complications he suffered last night are steadily improving . . . it is encouraging to see this. Please keep Mike, Jody and boys in your prayers . . .'

Friday 14th May - Kathryn.

'Mike had a second transplant last night. His newest liver is functioning and he is recuperating. Please pray that he is strong enough to make a speedy recovery.'

Saturday 15th May 0:43- John McLendon to Kathryn.

'Re Mike, This morning there are still major prayer needs, so keep praying.'

Sunday 15th May - Kathryn, 3:59.

'I am sorry to report that Mike has passed away this morning. Please pray for his family who are in such pain today.'

We at Good News Unlimited, who met, and have known Mike through his writings, are saddened at the passing of a truly Christian friend.

We wish his family the comfort and blessing of heaven in their loss.

How marvellous that because Christ has risen, we can look forward to meeting with Mike once again.



**Remember . . .
because . . .**



Holy Communion

Dear Lord,

Today I need you

Today is not like any other day

I need to feel you near

To feel your comfort

I need your help

*You're the only one that can
understand me*

You can feel my pain

*Lord I need your higher power
to help me get through.*

**From Prayers and Reflections
by year 10 students of Xavier
High School, Wodonga.**

(The Next Step magazine)

Ruth Masters



Friday the 4th of June 1999 was a very sad day for Darren, as his wife Ruth, along with her friend Marie, who was visiting from New Zealand, were both killed instantly in a car accident near Sydney.

Ruth, who was just thirty, is the daughter of Ritchie and Rosemary Way of New Zealand. Ruth was a very talented young woman having a Ph. D. in Education and lectured at the Macquarie University, Sydney.

All here at GNU, wish to extend to the grieving family and friends of Ruth and Marie, their deepest sympathy and pray that they will feel the comfort of our loving Heavenly Father in the trying days ahead.

'Traditonal at-tempts to find the Gospel promise at the time of the 'Fall' centre around God's an-nouncement to the serpent about some bruising be-tween himself and Jesus.



Although these promises open up the possibility of hope sometime in the fu-ture, they do little to explain to me how I can benefit from them. I would like to suggest that the system of taking a soul from despair to assurance, is more clearly explained by the events at the fall—by what happened, rather than by what was said. (*Raymond Broad*)

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Friendship cheers like a sunbeam; charms like a good story; inspires like a brave leader, binds like a golden chain and guides like a heavenly vision.

—*Newell Dwight Hillis.*



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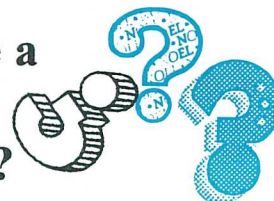
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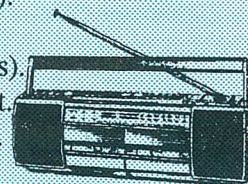
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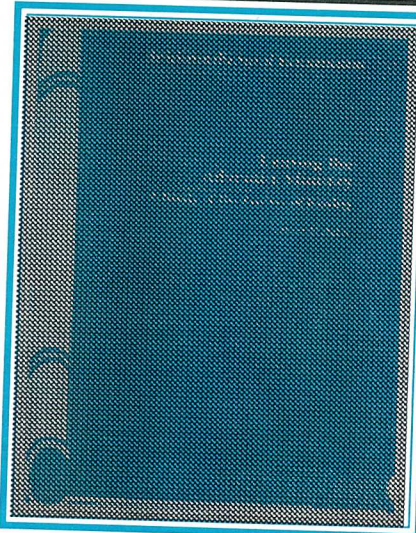
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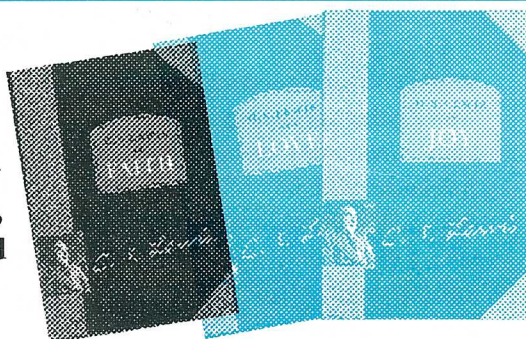
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