



Women's Voices



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A Thought for St. Patrick's Day

**Have you ever stopped to ponder
At the wonder of His ways?
Prayers unanswered, will so often
Prove His love in later days.
Yet we humans pout and worry,**

**Selfishly we ask our will ~
Thinking surely God's ignoring**

**Plans we want Him to fulfill.
As you come into His presence,
Though it seems your prayer's unheard;
Rest upon the Father's goodness,
In His love, and in His Word.
Claim His promises,
Know He's able,
Seek His heart in all you do,**

**Dream big dreams,
Asking His wisdom ~
You will find God's love is true!**

--Connie

*"The Lord is good
unto them that wait
for Him, to the soul
that seeketh Him."
(Lamentations 3:25 KJV)*



El Monte Elementary School

This month the Women's Ministry led the church in collecting hand sanitizers and tissues. We were able to collect at least 25 of each item. On the day of delivery everyone at the school we met thanked us for all our efforts. We also took in treats for the day. We were able to provide mini bagels with cream cheese, breakfast sweet bread, and tangerines. The teachers and staff were excited to have treats to start off their day. The El Monte teachers work hard to educate our young children and the staff works hard to support the teacher's efforts.

We are lucky to be able to serve our community this way. "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39) El Monte is certainly our neighbor. Please pray for the safety, learning, and teaching at our neighborhood school. (Submitted by Jan Hyatt)



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MOVIE REVIEW BY PATTY LIM

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Movie: King's Faith 2013

Synopsis: This modern Christian drama relates the story of teenager Brenden King, whose trouble-filled adolescence led him to prison at age 15. Released 3 years later, after having found God, Brenden is taken in by a Christian couple who lost their own son to violence. Brenden's faith is tested when old friends show up for a reckoning.

Cinematography: fair

Biblical Principles: holding onto your faith

Acting: surprisingly good

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

The storyline was not as predictable as I thought it would be. This film is worth seeing. It is not a "teenager" film...viewers are not subjected to the usual teenage angst and stupidity that Hollywood churns out. The main characters, played by Crawford Wilson and James McDaniel, are good actors who keep the film realistic.



PERSIST

Amazing! March already, and some of the things I had hoped to do beginning in **January I haven't yet begun! But I have been recently challenged to get busy on** them. The other day as I was working on my Bible study I was reminded how important it is to be persistent! And patient! Patience feeds into persistence **because how can we keep on keeping on, especially in difficult situations, if we don't** have patience?

In the Bible study, Beth Moore's "Entrusted", we're talking about II Timothy 4:2. Paul is charging Timothy (and us) to "proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching." He's telling us to be urgent, but patient. Urgent (persistent) with the gospel, but be patient with the people. And to do this whether or not it is convenient! The persistence keeps us moving!

Beth listed seven circumstances in which to be persistent.

"Persist.....

when it seems the anointing has run completely dry.

when it seems heaven has forgotten you are alive.

when you feel uninspired, tired, when you've been fired.

when your faith shows no results.

when your obedience has not paid off.

when your prayers seem like wasted breath.

when your bones feel dead and so does the Word.

Persist, Jesus is on His way. Your anointing has not run dry. Heaven has not forgotten you are alive. You have not believed for nothing. The results of your faith will soon sprout from that fallow ground. Just a little more rain. Just a little more thunder. Your obedience will pay off. You have not wasted a single breath on prayer. There is still life in your bones, and, child of God, there is still life in His Word!

Persist!"

I don't think it can be said any better than that!

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EXTRAORDINARY
WOMEN
Weekly Devotional

MIRIAM'S MESS-UP

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Understanding forgiveness starts with seeing how God relates to us. Every day, God gives us grace and **forgiveness that we don't deserve.**

Forgiving doesn't minimize wrong-doing. And it doesn't magically clear up consequences. Miriam's disobedience resulted in leprosy, and there are definite consequences to our pride and selfishness, too. But forgiveness does *set us free.*

In the Word

- Read Numbers 12

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife... "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" Numbers 12:1-2

Miriam and Aaron had a front row seat to watch God work miracles through their brother Moses as he confronted Pharaoh and freed the captive Israelites. Moses had been chosen by God to lead the people, maybe two million strong, out of Egypt toward the Promised Land.

But sibling rivalry operates in every culture, and these two couldn't stand their brother's popularity. They wanted a share of his fame, so they publicly cut Moses down. Lowering him, they figured, would elevate themselves to his status.

Have you ever had a Miriam moment? You said something that didn't need to be said—that shouldn't have been said?

It's easy to hurt other people with our cutting remarks. Our cold shoulders. Our calloused hearts.

The people weren't the only ones who heard them complain. God heard them, too. God called the three siblings together, and he spoke to them out of a pillar of cloud. His anger burned and he pronounced judgment. The leader of the rebellion, Miriam, became snow-white with leprosy. **In Miriam's world, a leper** was an outcast.

If that were the end of the story, we'd be tempted to label God as cruel and harsh, even though, in reality, God was acting out of justice by punishing sin. **But, thankfully, it's not. Grab your Bible and flip over to** Exodus 34:6-7. Fill in the blanks to see how God describes himself:

The LORD, the LORD, the _____ and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and _____, maintaining love to thousands, and _____ wickedness, rebellion, and sin.

Our God is a God of justice...and mercy. He forgives. It's impossible to understand true forgiveness without going back to where it all starts: **God's forgiveness.** Miriam had rebelled against Moses...and against God. **Outside the camp, she got what she deserved. Public shame. Separation from God's people. Disgrace. But** forgiveness isn't about giving people what they deserve. **It's about redemption. It's about extending grace... what people don't deserve.**

Miriam was exiled outside the camp for seven days to atone for her sin, but Jesus willingly chose to **suffer...outside the camp. Not to atone for his sins, but to atone for my sins. Your sins.**

The Bible says that "Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own **blood."**^[i] You and I have already been forgiven, because of the sacrifice of Jesus. Because we have been forgiven, we can, in turn, forgive.

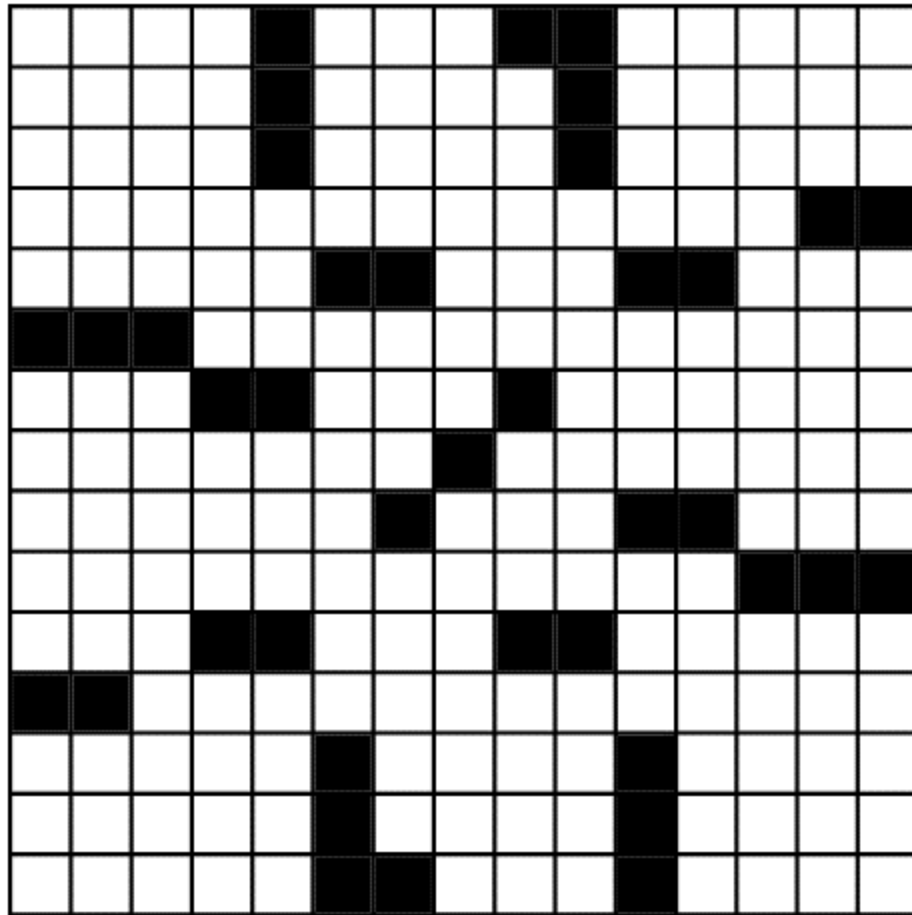


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Colossians 1:13-14s He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.</p>				<p>1 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETTY BETTRELL</p>	<p>2 Call a friend and tell them why your thankful for them</p>	<p>3 Think of 5 ways you can love others by serving them</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Have a meal delivered to a friends house and let them know you care</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Text 3 people that might just need a smile today</p>	<p>8 Pick up trash at your local park</p>	<p>9 MOVIE NITE "WONDER"</p>	<p>10 Write a sticky note to your mailman to thank them</p>
<p>11 Meet someone for lunch and treat them</p>	<p>12 Go for a walk or run today</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Call a friend and tell them you love them</p>	<p>15 Choose to love someone jus as they are today</p>	<p>16 Choose to extend forgiveness today</p>	<p>17 HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 HAPPY BIRTHDAY Donna Green & Vicki Olson</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 BUNCO 7:00 PM</p>	<p>23 Pray for someone</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Complement all you meet today</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Encourage a stranger</p>	<p>For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14</p>		

Crossword Fill In #01

3 LETTER WORDS

AIR
ALA
CAM
DAL
DOS
EAT
EST
ETA
ETC
FRO
GET
HOE
MAO
ODD
OUR
RES
REV
SLY
SPA
TIS
TNT
YAK



4 LETTER WORDS

A LOT
AGOG
COAX
CREE
EPOS
EVER
FIRM
GALA
IONS
NAGA
NAPE
OLLA
OPAH
REST
ROUÉ
RUSH

SAYS
VINO

5 LETTER WORDS

ADYTA
ANTSY
ARÊTE
CREEK
DAVIT
ENACT
ENEMA
EPOXY
ITALY
OVERS
PIXEL
PULSE
SET ON

SHALE
SOBER
TAIGA
TESTA
TEXAS
VAPID
VIOLA

6 LETTER WORDS

ATRIAL
LIAISE
NARCOS
RESETS

7 LETTER WORDS

EHRlich
GAROTTE

NEUTERS
ONSTAGE
PAHLAVI
RUMMAGE

9 LETTER WORDS

EXTREMITY
TURNTABLE

12 LETTER WORDS

CONSTITUTION
SLIDGEHAMMER

13 LETTER WORDS

ARCHIMANDRITE
MIXED METAPHOR