

A Carrot... An Egg... And A Cup Of Coffee...

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up; she was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water, put them on the stove and soon each pot came to a boil. In the first one she placed carrots; in the second she placed eggs and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished out the carrots and the eggs and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out of the pot and poured it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter she asked, "Tell me what you see." "Carrots, eggs and coffee," she replied. She felt the carrots and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked to take an egg and peel it. After peeling the egg, she observed that it was hard boiled. Finally the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. "What does all this mean, Mother?" Her mother explained that each of these objects faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently: the carrot went in strong and came out softened. The egg had been fragile but came out hardened. The coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Do you respond like the carrot, the egg or the coffee beans?" **"It is good that I was afflicted...that I might learn Thy Word!"** (Psalm 119:71)

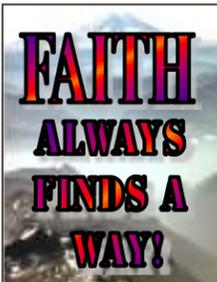


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You Are Not Of This World...
 Article by Derin Carmack

Do you know why you feel isolated and at times alone in this world? Do you know why you aren't understood by those who live and work around you? It's because you are a part of another, unseen world, from the world that you live and work in. This tactile world lives on lies, deceit, dishonesty and deception because this world is ruled by our enemy, the devil. When you accepted JESUS Christ as Savior and LORD, you walked across a line drawn in Blood by JESUS' sacrifice. Now, you may not agree with me when I say that the world does business on lies, deceit and dishonesty, but you must admit that what's happening in the world today is not based on GOD's Word of truth and integrity. Laws are being broken all over the place; espionage and conspiracies abound in every country around the world. The U.S.A. spends millions of dollars to find foreign spies and terrorists at work in this country, and keep law breakers behind bars. The world is in paralyzing fear over the results of a society living in lies and dishonesty. Why is this world in such a mess?

It's because the world, in their stubbornness and pride, will not live according to the Word of GOD, which is the basis on which our country was formed. They have turned their back on GOD, Who is truth and integrity. When the world comes up against the Word of GOD, they cannot challenge it and, man being self-centered, cannot accept the inerrant (error-free) Word of GOD. Man on this earth cannot embrace the Word of truth, which is the Bible, without a heart change. They are controlled by the prince of the power of this air, who is satan: **"You, who are dead in your sins, in which you walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience..."** (Eph. 2:1-2) - **the spirit of anti-Christ!**

The devil is a liar and he is the god of this world! Whoever is not a Believer in JESUS Christ, is a follower of the devil. That's why when you try to talk to your unbelieving friends and relatives, they think you're crazy.

I asked the LORD several years ago, "LORD, how can we get our loved ones free from the devil's hold so we can talk to them and win them over to the Kingdom of Light?" He told me, "Derin, pray that their will be set free from the bondage that satan has kept them in." So, I began to pray this prayer which has been affective in breaking the bonds that have kept our loved ones in spiritual prison: "Father GOD, in the Name of JESUS, I bind the spirit of bondage and deception from (name the person you're praying for) _____ and ask You to set him free. Set his will free so that he is free to hear and listen to the voice of GOD and to obey Your voice, in JESUS' Mighty Name, Amen!"

JESUS said, **"You are not of the world, even as I Am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Thy Word is truth!"** (John 17:16-17)

Hold on to that, Friend!



The Bible In The News... National Day Of PRAYER...

On this year's National Day of Prayer, have you considered that our heavenly Father may want you all to Himself...to set aside a day where you can give your whole attention to Him? Can you do that...can you sacrifice a few hours to be with the most important Person in your life? It's called a National Day of Prayer. So many people think of this day as a whole nation getting together...but the reality of it is that this day must be recognized and experienced one person at a time.

Look what prayer did for the nation of Israel when one man or woman went to prayer and earnestly sought GOD's face. Look at Moses and Gideon and Esther and David and Samuel and Daniel, etc. They prayed in the good times and they prayed in the challenging times...prayer was a part of their daily routine, and prayer was a part of their identity. And, although the left would want you to believe that this nation was not founded on GOD's Word, look at two prayers for our nation:

GEORGE WASHINGTON - "Almighty GOD, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us too to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind (Micah 6:8), which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a blessed nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through JESUS Christ our LORD, Amen!"

GEORGE W. BUSH - after 9/11 - "On this National Day of Prayer, we ask Almighty GOD to watch over our nation, and grant us patience and resolve in all that is to come. We pray that You will comfort and console those who now walk in sorrow. We thank You for each life we now must mourn, and the promise of a life to come."



The Two Mothers...

A Mother's Day Story by Richard Maxwell
Long, long ago, so I have been told, two saints once met on the streets paved with gold. "By the stars in your crown," said the one to the other, "I see that on earth you, too, were a mother."

"And by the blue-tinted halo you wear, you too, have known sorrow and deepest despair." "Ah, yes," came the answer, "I once had a son, a sweet little boy, full of laughter and fun; but tell of your child." "Oh, I knew I was blest from the moment I first held him close to my breast; and my heart almost burst with the joy of that day." "Ah, yes," sighed the other, "I felt the same way."

The former continued, "The first steps he took, so eager and breathless, the sweet startled look which came over his face, he trusted me so," "Ah yes," sighed the other, "how well do I know!"

"But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy, so strong and so kind...and it gave me such joy to have him just walk down the street by my side." "Ah, yes" said the other, "I felt the same pride."

"How often I shielded and spared him from pain...and when he for others was so cruelly slain, when they crucified him - they spat in his face, how gladly would I have hung there in his place!" A moment of silence, "Oh, then you are she, the mother of Christ," and she fell on one knee. But Mary raised her up, drawing her near, and kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear. "Tell me the name of the son you loved so, that I may share with you your grief and your woe." She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other, "He was Judas Iscariot, I am his mother."



My Desire...

- My desire...is to wake up with praises on my lips.
- My desire...is to be overwhelmed by Your creation.
- My desire...is to pray consistently for the ones I love.
- My desire...is to talk with You as if You were always by my side (and You are!).
- My desire...is to have my heart be full of Joy and Thankfulness for Your mercy and grace.
- My desire...to treat Your Word like I treat my cell phone...with me all the time!
- My desire...is to cherish this brief time on earth I have with my friends and family.
- My desire...is to be fully satisfied with You alone.
- My desire...is to convey the passion I feel in my soul through my actions.
- My desire...is to go to sleep whispering Your Name. In JESUS' Name I pray, Amen

Remember your Mom on May 14th!



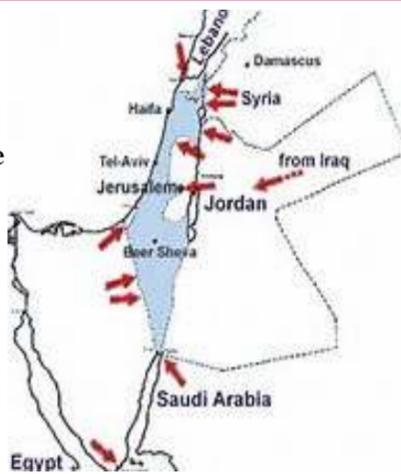
"The winter has passed; flowers have already appeared in the land...the time has arrived for pruning the vines...and the voice of the birds has been heard in our land."
(S of S 2:11-12)

Conflict In Israel - 1967



Fifty years ago this month, Israel was surrounded by five Muslim nations that wanted her annihilated off the face of the earth. But, in spite of the overwhelming numbers of enemies from Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, Israel was victorious; GOD was fighting for her!!

The Six Day War saw the military advantage held by Israel's neighboring Arab countries decimated as hundreds of tanks were destroyed, over 15,000 enemy soldiers were killed or wounded and some 6,000 were taken prisoner. Israel suffered 777 fatalities and over 2,500 casualties. Israel won valuable territory, the Syrian threat no longer loomed over the communities adjacent to the northern border, and Jerusalem was reunited. Within a few days Israel officially announced the annexation of east Jerusalem, and stated that the city was to be its Eternal Capital.



Pray for the Peace of JerUSAlem!



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"You aren't in your 20's you know," said one of our granddaughters which, of course made us laugh. I, Tony, am 75 now and Rosa is 69. Certainly, there are days when we feel more aware of our aging frames than on other days; but truly, our hearts are young and full of desire to continue doing GOD's work. He is our strength, our Healer, and our Protector. Regardless of your age, you are valuable in GOD's eyes, and you can make a huge impact on the world around you. Your giving puts huge smiles on the faces of beautiful Inca Indian children as we hand them t-shirts and candy and share with them the hope and love of JESUS. It puts food into the pantry in Lima at St. Maria's Orphanage. Your giving means hope, education, healing and medical care...greatest of all, it means Matthew 25:40, **"...whatever you do for the least of these Brothers and Sisters of Mine, you did for Me!"**



It is not the wise and educated that GOD promises to use; it is not the strong and wealthy, or the qualified or capable. He seeks the yielded, the humble and the willing...He uses the widow's mite, the young boy's 5 loaves and 2 fish...and your offering, which He will give back to you 30-60-100-fold! That's the kind of GOD we serve!
Love from PERU, Tony & Rosa Rivera - Home of Refuge

