

# Chaplain Paul's Very Insightful Poems, Stories and Writings

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My Interview with God

A Collection of my Poems Stories and Writings  
Written in 2020



## Preface

This is a collection of insightful, inspirational, thought provoking poems, writings and stories that were mostly written in 2020. I give all the praise, honor and glory to God for His guidance and love in my life for without Him I am equated as nothing. I pray that whoever reads this book will come to realize that Christ Yeshua loves you very much and He is inviting you to enter into a closer relationship with Him.

May God Bless You and your family from Chaplain Paul.

John 15:5 I am the vine and you are the branches, he who abides in Me and I in him bears much fruit for without Me you can do nothing... Amen

## Back to Our Future's Past

By Chaplain Doc Brown 7-25-20

This is a very important message from Grandma and Grandpa from the year 1941.

Dear grandchildren we see how this Corona virus is affecting you and how it's causing great anguish, worry, doubt, fear, depression, anger and pain. We thought it necessary that we write you this letter to help encourage you and uplift your spirits. You see we too have been through some very hard times over the years and now with the war with Germany and Japan things look very, very bad for the entire world.

The depression has been very hard on American families there are no jobs and people have to stand in long lines just to receive food and other needed necessities. Things like soap, sugar, coal, gas, even coffee and chocolate are rationed, we all have learned to live with less and yet we count our blessings and we thank God each day because we have the love of family, a roof over our heads, we do have food in the icebox and that old pickup truck of your Grandpa's helps in paying the bills because he's running deliveries for Handyman Lumber and for Tommy's Firewood Company. Oh and around Christmas your Grandpa goes out into the woods and cuts evergreen branches and we make them into Christmas wreaths and sell them during the Holidays, we also make homemade bread and pies and sell them to Rose's Cafe up the street.

Now, we have been watching over you and what we see in your time breaks our heart, we've watched how little by little over the years how the love of money and instant gratification has robbed you of your joy and the time that you are able to spend with your family. You see the reason we were able to get through the tough times is because of the love we had for each other. We have love of family, love of friends, love for our neighbors, love of country, and most of all we have love of God. Our faith and our love make up the rock-solid foundation that keeps us from sinking into worry, doubt, fear, depression, anxiety etc. Oh, sure there are times when we cry and there are times when we worry and are fearful but our faith and trust in God and our love for each other are what helps us get through the day.

We see how in your time all of your needs are met with the devices you now have. You can have just about anything you want delivered to your front door at the push of a button. You hold in your hands a telephone that is also a movie theater a camera, a library and so much more. Answers to critical information is now at your fingertips, you get answers within seconds. The speed in which you travel is amazing you can travel great distances in a very short span of time. And there it is right there, time, with all of these wonderful technological advances you have more time on your hands and what are you doing with all of your spare time?

Are you spending time with our Lord Jesus Christ in learning his word and serving Him by reaching out and helping others? Are you spending all of your spare time with your family? And how are you spending your time these days?

Are you spending time with your children and grandchildren? Do you remember how we used to walk to the park and spend all day watching the cars go by and watching as the train rolled by? Do you remember how we used to go to Rye Beach Playland and how we used to go to the airport and watch the planes land and take off? How did that make you feel? It made you feel loved and secure, it made you feel very special didn't it? There were no video games, tablets, iPad, cell phones, Facebook, Twitter, Internet etc TV and radio were at home and watched and listened to for only a couple of hours a day if that. I know TV wasn't invented yet in 1941 but you get the point.

The love of family is what's missing in your time, the love of life is what's truly missing, the love of friends and neighbors and the love of serving our Lord in reaching out and helping others for the glory of God. Turn off all of your electronic devices each weekend, now listen to Grandma and Grandpa it's a lot easier than you may think and gather your family together around the dinner table, eat good, healthy, homemade foods, tell stories, play board games, laugh, cry, hug, share the word of God with each other, pray together as a family and tell each other these three precious words as often as you can,

"I love you."

because believe Grandma and Grandpa when we tell you,

"life is very short."

Oh, I hear Mr. DeRosa calling out, "Italian Ice." as he pushes his Italian Ice cart down our street, you know how Grandpa loves his Italian ice. I'm going to stop for now, take care, we love you very, very much, we're always watching over you with lots of love, love Grandpa and Grandma from the year 1941. John 14:27

### BUILT ON A ROCK

Matthew 7:24-28 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock and the rain descended the floods came and the winds blew and beat on the House and it did not fall for it was founded on the rock.

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine and does not do them will be like the foolish man who built his house on the sand and the rain descended the floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house and it fell and great was its fall.

And so it was when Yeshua had ended these sayings that the people were astonished at His teaching for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER EAGLES FLY ALONE

By Chaplain Paul 7-16-2020

There is an old saying, "Birds of a feather flock all together but eagles fly alone."

Birds of a feather seem to want to do everything all together. They fly to and fro following every whim. At times they seem as happy as a lark but other times they can be very scared of the dark. To fly with the crowd at times could get very noisy and loud in fact most of these birds could become very, very proud.

Birds of a feather who want to flock together love to gossip and at times do lie. Birds of a feather are not too concerned with the weather just as long as they are all flying near by.

Birds of a feather can't seem to take constructive criticism in fact it's something they do not like at all. Birds of a feather think they have it all figured out but sadly they are in most cases being led astray, it's time birds of a feather took a lesson from the lone eagle today.

Eagles who fly alone are not afraid to tell it like it is. Eagles flying free charting their own destiny. Eagles are true visionaries their eye site is clear as a bell, Eagles are not afraid to fly right in casting out the powers of hell. Eagles march to the tune of a very different drummer; you might even say Eagles for Christ are the light in a very darkened world. Eagles for Christ place Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others for the glory of God...Amen

# Gilbert Guppy

By Chaplain Paul 6-16-2020

Gilbert Guppy came into this world and found himself swimming in a pond of clear blue water not too far from the sea. Gilbert Guppy was as small as small could be. You see, our little friend here was the size of a pea.

Gilbert Guppy had a friend named Sam, Sam was a little snapping turtle who loved to eat crawfish down by the deep blue sea. In a very short time Gilbert Guppy grew to the size of a minnow, you see.

Gilbert Guppy thought he could never make a difference in the world, he thought you have to be a big guy, like a lion or tiger or buffalo to make a really powerful show.

Well wouldn't you just know it, God had a very special reason for creating Gilbert Guppy, you see God knew that one day Gilbert Guppy would actually save all the creatures in the pond where he lived near the deep blue sea.

It so happened that a hurricane came blowing Gilbert Guppy's way, then who would you know it that God had chosen to save the day?

Gilbert swam and swam warning others to run for cover, Gilbert warned all of the creatures in the pond to hide safely in a cave for the night and by the light of the very next day little Gilbert Guppy had saved the day.

Never think for a second that you're too little or too small in having the capacity to make a positive difference in this world. Always remember to give it your best with a great big try, because you might be the next person chosen by God to reach out and save the lost soul of somebody nearby.

Margaret Mead — '**Never** doubt that a **small group** of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that **ever** has.'

# THE HONEYBEES WHO REFUSED TO STING

By Chaplain Paul 7-10-2020

There once lived a hive full of honeybees living high among the sycamore trees. Now these honeybees were very free and on occasion they would all fly down by the deep blue sea. Each of the honeybees had certain tasks in order to keep the hive safe and well stocked with delicious golden honey.

Some of the bees were responsible of caring for the hive so all the honeybees could thrive and still others were giving the responsibility of taking care of the young bees in the honeybee hive.

Some of the honeybees went out in search flowers for its nectar so fresh honey could be made and still others guarded the hive with their honeybee lives. This little story will focus on defending the hive and if attacked all of the honeybees would sharpen their stingers and defend the hive they would fight to the death to stay alive.

Then something strange began happening a group of honeybees refused to defend their hive they told the Queen they refuse to place their lives on the line defending the hive, they looked at her and said,

“We need to just let things be for the sake of our security and safety.”

The Queen honeybee just shook her head and said, “If you are not willing to defend the freedoms of the hive then we will certainly fall the day real danger arrives.”

The younger honeybees thought that if they leave the world alone then the world would leave them alone. They removed their stingers for the sake of peace and love, then they said, “Our stingers are dangerous and besides, we would rather be more like the peaceful dove.”

All the younger honeybees handed in their stingers and flew far away then one by one the predators of this world began snatching them all away. How sad they had given up their God given right to defend themselves from those who would seek to do them great harm, then the Queen honeybee proclaimed,

“Don’t ever be willing to trade freedom for safety and security and always keep your stingers sharpened and ready to defend the hive because the greed of man wants to take us all alive. Man will place us into slavery making honey for his children night and day, honeybees always be willing to stand up and fight for our freedoms from those who would seek to take our freedom away.”

# IM JUST A DROP OF WATER

By Chaplain Paul 193 June 21-2020

I am just a drop of water what could I possibly do?

I am just a drop of water could I save me or you?

Our bodies are 75% water, just think about it for a few,

I am just a drop of water; I ask you what could I do?

Can a single drop of water make a real difference in this world?

Can a single drop of water make a positive change, can a single drop of water do anything at all?

The answer is yes for a single drop of water has the capacity to create a huge amount of change, A single drop of water can join with other drops of water and soon what was thought of as being practically nothing at all has now multiplied into the powerful title wave of positive change in the world.

One drop of water has the power to change, one drop of water can join with many other drops of water in becoming a powerful force of positive change for the glory of God...Amen

John 4:10-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you give me a drink you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep where then do you get this living water, are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank from it himself as well as his sons and his livestock? Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst, but the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water springing up unto everlasting life.

# Imagine

by Chaplain Paul D Vescio 5-5-2019

Imagine looking off to the east and watching as a beautiful sunrise peeks over distant snowcapped mountains. Imagine you are sitting with Christ Yeshua in a beautiful garden filled with an endless number of colorful flowers, now imagine being filled with great peace, joy, comfort and love as the two of you spend time together. You see this isn't just any garden this is your heavenly garden of Christ that Abba Father has provided just for you. This very special garden is your heavenly garden that stretches without end.

Imagine seeing all of the brilliant colors of the rainbow in what seems to be an endless variety of colorful flowers that leaves you completely awe struck.

Now Imagine looking up overhead and seeing as seven vibrant colorful rainbows seem to fill the sky above. Imagine that there are endless rows of lush green apple trees all around you, all of which are filled with delicious red apples the size of baseballs.

Imagine that Christ Yeshua invites you to walk with Him through your heavenly garden, and as you both begin your faith walk together our Lord begins to talk about His life and about the promise we have of an everlasting life in Heaven with Him. His words are sweet as honeycomb and they bring great comfort and peace to our aching souls.

Your walk with Christ leads you to a peaceful stream of running water that's teeming with life and just ahead you can see a small waterfall that leads into a pond of fresh clear blue water. Catfish, rainbow trout and bluegill are seen jumping in the air and splashing in the water as the morning mist rises off of the calm blue waters. Imagine sitting with Our Lord by the still waters of peace and tranquility as ten thousand colorful butterflies take to the air.

Imagine as blue birds, red robins and white doves fly to and fro. Imagine as the lion and the lamb are seen resting peacefully together nearby.

Imagine as our Lord Christ Yeshua anoints your head with oil and

fills your cup so it overflows and as He reassures you of your salvation and of your place in heaven. He tells you that He loves you with all His heart and that He will never leave you nor forsake you, He encourages you with His Word.

### The Seven I Am Statements of Christ Yeshua

John 6:35-48, I Am The Bread Of Life, He who comes to Me shall never hunger and he who believes in Me shall never thirst...

John 8:12, I Am The Light Of The World. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life...

John 10:7-10, I Am The Sheep Gate ( The Door) “ Yes indeed I tell you, I Am the gate for the sheep.

John 10:11-18, I Am The Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 15:1-5, I Am The True Vine, I Am the Vine and you are the branches, he who abides in Me and I in him bears much fruit for without Me you can do nothing.

John 14:6, I Am The Way, The Truth and The Life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 11:25-27, I Am The Resurrection And The Life, he who believes in Me though he may die, he shall live...Amen

“You can do all things through Christ Yeshua Who strengthens you” ... Philippians 4:13

## I've Got a Golden Ticket

by Chaplain Paul 1-11-2020

Lets say you get invited to come to your friend's home for dinner, your friend has a big surprise waiting for you, you see he won the lottery and wants to share some of the winnings with you. Your friend invites 12 of his friends to come. Now most of the people that were invited our rich friend here has not seen in a while, in fact, every time he calls to invite them somewhere they turn him down.

Still, our blessed friend here wants to share his winnings with the Pals that he grew up with. Now here is the trick, our rich friend here doesn't want his friends to come to dinner just for the money he wants them to come out of genuine friendship and love because they truly want to come and spend time with him, so they do not know that he won the lottery.

God works in the same way, He does not want people to come to Him just for the heavenly riches that He has in store for them, He wants people to come and dine with Him out of genuine obedience and love.

Think about this fact 99.999% of the people on this planet could care less about you or me, we are considered nothing but nobodies to them but to Abba Father each of us is everything so much so that He sent His only begotten Son to die on a cross to pay our sin debt so that we might be saved.

Christ Yeshua loves us that much that He gave of Himself willingly to die a horrible death on a cross so that we could have a golden ticket to eternal life and spend eternity with Him in Heaven. All those who place their faith and trust in Christ Yeshua truly do have a golden ticket to salvation and life... John 3:16 is our golden ticket to eternal life with Christ in Heaven...Amen

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that who ever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

## In Touch Ministries July 15

Each of us has a debt that we owe to God but we've got no way to pay for it. None of our solutions living a moral life, being religious or doing more good deeds can take care of our problem. God himself has provided the solution one that both satisfies his justice and grants us mercy. He sent his Son to pay the penalty we owed, and Jesus was qualified because he never sinned. He willingly took our place on the cross and experienced the full measure of the Lord's wrath against our sinfulness. In dying for us Christ secured our Salvation.

Unfortunately however some people have heard this news and rejected it. They're like the rich young ruler who placed His trust in material possessions and turned his back on the truth. Others refused to even listen and some think their heaven bound on the basis of their good deeds. But only those who have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus will be welcomed into heaven. If you're wondering how can I have internal life there is only one answer through faith in Christ Jesus when we trust in Jesus and surrender our life to him he becomes our personal savior and Lord Amen.

John 14:6 And Christ Yeshua said, " I am the Way, the Truth and the Life no one comes to the Father except through Me.

## The Lion, The Eagle, and The Dove

By Chaplain Paul 7-18-2020

This is a story of The Lion, The Eagle, and The Dove all of these creatures have the blessings of Abba Father's love. They each have very special gifts and that's plain to see.

The Lion was given the gifts of power, strength, courage, perseverance, stamina, and majesty all throughout the animal kingdom. The Lion has the courage to stand up and fight for what's right in casting the powers of evil and darkness from our very site.

If the Lion was made king of the jungle, then the Eagle is no doubt king of the sky. An Eagle's gifts are very plain to see, an Eagle is a true visionary who can see things for miles around and they can dive right in and catch their food without hardly making a sound. An Eagle is a symbol strength and majesty, Eagles are definitely not birds of a feather who like to flock together. Eagles fly free on currents of air, they know that freedom is worth fighting for and not to despair.

The Dove is a bird of peace and love, the dove is a true gift of Abba Father from above. The peaceful dove descends from above but make no mistake this peaceful Dove packs a very powerful punch for the glory of God. The Dove reminds the world that peace, forgiveness, compassion and love are all from above. John 14:27

Now there are creatures in this world who are not as righteous or as kind, you see these three creatures definitely need a change of heart. These evil three if given half a chance will tare our lives apart and leave us for dead.

The Jackal will steal your heart he will most definitely tare your whole world apart. The Jackal cares only for number one, he would even steel an entire good meal from all of his young. Evil are the Jackals way without even a doubt my advice to all of you is if you see them coming turn real quick and run the other way.

The Snake is a scoundrel who will lie through his teeth if he had any. Snakes crawl close to the ground because of the lies his ancestor told to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Snakes can charm the birds right out of the trees then they will sting you like a thousand honeybees. Snakes will lie right to your face then rob you blind and simply slither away.

Finally, in this ragtag pack of evil three is the Raven with a heart as black as coal. The Raven is a scavenger and a symbol of evil and death. This bird will fly into our lives when we least expect it and cause great horror and fear my advice to you is if you see one coming shoo them away in fact plead the blood of Yeshua and cast them far, far away.

The Lion gave the orders to attack as the Raven, Eagle and the Dove took to flight. The snake tried to dazzle the Dove right out of the sky with his charming lies, but the Dove flew right in and struck the snake with the Lord's love. The snake fell back heart struck and dazed then the Jackal ran right in and struck the Lion right on the chin with worry and depression his weapons of choice. The Lion fell back but with one ROAR of the Lord's 23rd Psalm, he put the Jackal in his place with only one swipe of his paw.

Now the Raven was more cunning than all the rest, the Raven flew in and believe it or not knocked the Eagle right out of the sky, the Eagle landed in the lake in the blink of an eye, then the Raven took to the air, he struck the Dove and the Dove was hit with despair. The Raven then went after the Lion with the Snake and the Jackal too. All three attacked the Lion with a great force it looked like the forces of evil were going to win then the Dove and the Eagle came flying in, The Eagle struck the Raven with the Lord's forgiveness and love then the snake was hit with a few scripture verses from the Lord's peaceful Dove from the sky above.

The Lion bounced right back then he too went on the attack. The Lion pounced on the Jackal with John 3:16 and Psalms 91 and now all three of these evil creatures were all but done, Then an amazing thing began happening to all three, they began transforming into righteous creatures of God right Infront of you and me.

All three had a complete change of heart, their evil ways have now fallen completely apart. The Raven transformed into a peaceful Dove, a Dove that was full of our Lord's forgiveness, compassion, and love.

The Jackal became a righteous Lion of Christ for the glory of God. And the evil Snake transformed into a righteous Eagle who would go on to bring many lost souls to Christ. And now with the battle won all six of these righteous creatures set off in the setting sun for God's glory and now we are all but done with this faithful story. Amen

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

Isaiah 40:28-31 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God the Lord, the Creator the ends of the earth neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable, He gives power to the weak and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Amen

## Little Brown Sparrows of Freedom

by Chaplain Paul April 12 2020

If a little brown sparrow was asked the question of whether to live a long life in captivity or risk living a shorter life of freedom, I ask all of you which of these two options do you think the little brown sparrow would choose?

To live in freedom means having to live in the face of danger. Living freely means living among the predators of life, such as the eagle, owl, vulture, and the hawk. Predators like the snake, the weasel, the cat and the falcon. The little sparrow would be living freely among all of these dangers and many others each and every day.

Now I am sure that our little brown sparrow here would never choose to live in captivity even though he or she would be very well kept. Living in a gilded cage of captivity with all of his or her needs met. Plenty of food and water with a little swing and mirror to pass the time away. Our little sparrow here would never have to worry about snow or rain, sleet or hail, our little sparrow could live out his or her days in a place of total safety and comfort for the rest of his or her kept days.

America, I ask you which would you choose, freedom or safety, security or liberty. America I humbly ask you once again, which would you choose, to be free as a bird from sea to shining sea or to live in captivity for the sake of safety and security? America do you want to be as free as a bird or be as content as a well-kept lion living in a zoo? America, I ask you which of these two choices would you choose? America how would you want to be, can't you see that FREEDOM is the right and the only choice for you and for me?

**FREEDOM, IT'S WORTH LIVING FOR, IT'S WORTH DYING FOR AND ITS WORTH FIGHTING FOR...AMEN**

# Living or Just Existing

By Chaplain Paul

If given a choice of living or existing which would you choose?

Honestly, I think we would all choose living life. Living life is to be happy and free.

Living life is when we set our sails free, living life is to grab the bull by the horns and in charting our own destiny. Living life is eating good food with family and friends, it's taking a trip down to the sea or going horseback riding on the open plains. Living life is dancing in the rain and its falling in love as two hearts beat as one. Living life is starting a family and watching how our children's lives have just begun.

Living life is to go for a run, living life is when our careers have just begun. I ask you America what does living life mean to you? Living life means freedom for the one, living life means sharing your life with others in growing in the warmth of God's Son.

Living life is accepting The Way The Truth and The Life into our lives, Living life is found in serving the One Who created life itself so we could learn how to truly live and run. The key to living life is found in serving our Lord Christ Yeshua through meaningful service in reaching out in helping others.

"That's what living life is all about Charly Brown"

Sadly, then there's just existing and I'm here to say, "Just existing is no way to live, no, not no way."

Just existing is sad, lonely, depressing, and blue. Just existing day after day without the hope of Christ or the hope of true love, or the hope of having visits by those we love is not healthy for me or for you. Just existing is for the birds, on second thought no it's not. Birds are happy and free and to just exist is never any good for you or for me.

# Minutemen

By Chaplain Paul 7-12-2020

How many minutes are there in a day, how many minutes a day do you take the time to pray? God has given us His gift of the day, I ask you, what will you do with all of your minutes today?

One minute Isn't much time at all but believe me when I tell you there is a lot we could still do in a single minute. To say, "I love you." Takes only three seconds of our time and if we say it three times within the time span of a single minute, we still have 51 seconds left to do so much more

Next, we can tell someone, "I appreciate you." There that wasn't so hard and if we say these encouraging three words five times to those around us we still have plenty of time left over in our single minute. Now let's see, five times three equals fifteen so now we have 36 seconds left over and we are doing just fine.

In that case what do you say we do some more? Like telling someone,

"I forgive you." Three little words that pack a powerful punch and if we tell three people that we forgive them then we still have 29 seconds left over. Now we are ready for two words that mean a lot and if we say them quite often it really makes a person's day, the two words that lift us up are, "Thank You" and if we say these two powerful words 7 times we still have 22 seconds left over. Now let's see what else we can say from here?

O I know of a word that means a lot and if we say this word 5 times we will still have 17 seconds left over, the word that touches our heart is, "Sorry" because it means a lot.

We now have 17 seconds left and believe it or not we could still touch someone's life within the time span of 17 seconds. These next 4 words can actually make someone's day when we take the time to walk over and say, "Do you need help?" Surely we have the time in giving someone in need the time of day lets seek to ask these words throughout our day but since we have very little time to spare lets say these 4 words twice and that will bring us to 9 seconds left in our single minute.

Now with only 9 seconds we need to thank the One Who gave us His gift of time so the final 9 words in our minute should always be,

“Thank You Abba Father for Your Blessing and Love.”

Incredible that these 9 words fit perfectly it was unplanned, I wrote this free hand. You see God knew way before I sat down to write this today He knew exactly what I would write and for how long. It is because He is guiding my thoughts and the things that I write. It blows my mind because God is out of sight.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.

We do not see Abba Father, the Holy Spirit or Christ Yeshua in the flesh but we see the evidence of their handiwork all around us each day.

Because we walk by faith and not by sight, faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the word of God...Amen Romans 10:17

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John 14:27

# MOPEY JOE AND ACTIVIST PETE

By Chaplain Paul 6-28-2020

Mopey Joe just sat around the house all day when things got really bad, Mopey Joe would just sit, and sit and sit and watch the news all day and become very, very sad, poor Mopey Joe, "You really need to get yourself out there someday."

Mopey Joe would just watch TV and say, "O well there's nothing I can do about the problems of the world today. O well, things have got to get better someday."

Then One day Activist Pete came to Mopey Joe's door, he told Mopey Joe he could be doing so much more,

"Mopey Joe, get up from that chair and let your voice be heard loud and clear, Mopey Joe your voice matters in a hurting world. Mopey Joe STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT IN HELPING TO CAST OUT THE POWERS OF DARKNESS AND EVIL FROM OUR VERY SIGHT!!!!!!!"

Mopey Joe thanked activist Pete and a few days later something amazing happened. Mopey Joe came out of his house and started to tell others about how each of us has the power to create positive change in this world. Mopey Joe explained to his neighbors, "Friends by each of us doing one act of kindness at a time in reaching out in helping others for the glory of God we can make this world a better place to live in Amen" And on the faithful day Mopey Joe stopped thinking he couldn't do anything at all in helping to make this world a better place to live. Mopey Joe ran right down to the courthouse and changed his name to HappeningJoe CanDolt and he did it for a positive change. John 14:27

Quote by Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Quote by Chaplain Paul, Being an activist isn't about making a big splash all at once, it's about making a little splash which in time becomes a powerful wave of positive change in the world.

# MR. NICE GUY OR MR. MEAN JEANS

By Mr. Faithful P.D.V. July 19 2020

America, I ask you, "Who would you choose?" Let me introduce you to two very different candidates who are running for public office. The first is Mr. Niceguy, Mr. Niceguy is just that, he is the nicest guy you could ever meet. Mr. Niceguy is there to please by talking a bunch of niceties. Mr. Niceguy could charm the birds right out of the trees just by saying, "VOTE FOR ME I'LL SET YOU FREE."

Mr. Niceguy is very nice indeed, O but behind the scenes Mr. Niceguy is even nicer to corporate greed. Mr. Niceguy will claim he's for preserving America's rights and freedoms but it's all just a bunch of hot air, you see in all reality Mr. Niceguy doesn't really care.

Then there's Mr. Mean Jeans a real pain in the you know what. Mr. Mean Jeans means what he says and he doesn't care who gets upset. Mr. Mean Jeans was elected to do a good job in placing the safety and the wellbeing of the people he serves first in fact you might say Mr. Mean Jeans places Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others. Mr. mean Jeans wasn't elected to be our best buddy, no not at all. Mr. Mean Jeans is as tough as nails and as hard as iron, you might even say that our Mr. Mean Jeans here has the heart of a lion. Mr. Mean Jeans is a champion of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution that's for sure he will fight for what's right and leave all the niceties for you know who.

So America it all boils down to this do we want Mr. Niceguy who comes across as being our best buddy and in all the while he sells our rights and our freedoms down the river without even a care? Or do we want Mr. Mean Jeans who's as tough as iron and at times could be as mean as a badger in standing up for what's right in fighting tooth in nail defending America's rights and freedoms through the night?

America, I know what I would do. I would send our Mr. Niceguy packing on a rail and I would elect Mr. Mean Jeans without a doubt and on the day that Mr. Mean Jeans was elected into office I would give a great big shout,

“FREEDOM IT’S WORTH LIVING FOR IT’S WORTH DYING FOR AND ITS WORTH  
FIGHTING FOR LIVE LONG AND PROSPER MR. MEAN JEANS HOORAY!!!!!!!!!!”

# NUMB HEAD AND CONSCIOUS MCGEE

By Chaplain Paul 7-23-2020

Numb Head was numb to the events of the world he would just play Van Halen and Yes and play video games throughout the day. Numb Head could really care less, in fact Numb Head was more concerned about the way he was dressed. Numb Head was the kinda dude who had his head in the clouds. Numb Head was always talking about things like pizza, movies, John Gotti and Al Capone, the NY Yankees the Phoenix Suns and beer. Numb Head was totally numb to reality, Numb Head just lived for the day he really could care less about the sufferings of others this guy would even blow off his very own brothers. Numb Head never had time to go to Church or serve the Lord. Numb Head thought the Bible was written by Peter Pan He really never took the time to at least try to understand. Numb Head sold drugs thinking that was cool, Numb Head drank like a fish and partied like it was 1999 O but thank God our Lord was watching over him for one day he would turn out just fine.

Then there's Conscious McGee, now here's a dude you'd really like to be. You see Conscious McGee was very thoughtful and kind he was very well in tune with world events and he loved the Lord with all his heart. Conscious McGee was a dude who placed Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others, Conscious McGee even treated his friends like brothers. Conscious McGee was always on the move you might even say Conscious McGee rolled with the punches.

One day Conscious McGee asked Numb Head a question that made his head spin, "Numb Head where you going after your time on the earth comes to an end. I mean where do you think you're going my friend?"

Numb Head did not quite know how to answer that question because he never really put much thought to it before.

Numb Head just sat for a while with his head in his hands then he looked up and said, "I really don't know bro."

"Numb Head you need to pull your head out of the clouds and get down to earth and be real for a change. There is more to life than what we all see here, there is

a vast universe of discovery and love so much so it will blow your mind and it all begins with a simple invitation through prayer.

Conscious McGee led Numb Head in a simple prayer of salvation and love in inviting our Lord Christ Yeshua to come into his life. Then like a soft dream the Spirit of God descended like a dove and suddenly Numb Head was filled with the Lord's love. From that day forth Numb Head served our Lord in true humility kindness and love and he would one day become Chaplain Paul serving our Lord in reaching out to those who are suffering in nursing homes, care centers and medical rehabs in the true Spirit of compassion and brotherly love...Amen

God Bless from me to you John 14:27

## O Lady Liberty

by Chaplain Paul July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009

O Lady Liberty who used to shine O how you used  
to shine so bright with awe, dignity and delight,  
O but now I ask you what has happened O sweet  
Lady Liberty, has our government truly traded  
honor for lust and honesty for disgust?

O Lady Liberty when you were young our nation  
was a shining light chasing away the darkness of  
the night.

O Lady Liberty you flew like eagle and dove, O but  
now fallen from air heavy in debt and sunk with  
despair.

O Lady Liberty we see your torch shine, please help  
us to put all of this greed and corruption behind.

O Lady Liberty we look to Our Lord Christ Yeshua's  
light to lead us back on a path of what we know  
to be right.

O Lady Liberty we stand and we pray that our nation  
will stand back on the path of righteousness  
someday, for out of the darkness and into the day I  
can't help but to ask our nation to pray,

“O Lord please help fix our broken health care and  
heal our sick, and replace greed and corruption  
with love and compassion, Amen.”

O Lady Liberty of iron and copper, of torch and of  
flame, of beauty and strength, of wisdom and peace  
let our great nation look upon you and see the pain in  
your eyes and the tears that flow like rain because of  
our nations sorrowful pain.

O Lady Liberty many have bled, sacrificed and have  
died, it's high time we as a nation stand up and turn

back the tide.

O Lady Liberty what you're telling is so true, "People of America stand up and do what you know in your hearts to be right, before this precious land of ours vanishes right before our very sight!"

I ask you do you love liberty from sea to shining sea and are you willing to lay down your life for the sake of liberty? For so many have done before when adversity and war came knocking at America's front door.

Now inscribed on Lady Liberty are these few precious words for all to see "Give me your tired your poor your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" this is a poem I faithfully call O Lady Liberty..

(verse written by Emma Lazarus)

Now the Lord is the spirit and where the spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty.

( 2.Corinthians 3:17 )

# OLD GLORY

By Chaplain Paul Vescio 5-23-20

OLD GLORY TATTERED AND TORN WEATHERED AND WORN. SHE'S BEEN SHOT AT, STOMPED ON, BURNED AND SPIT ON. SHE'S BEEN THROUGH THE BATTLES OF WAR, LIKE THE REVOLUTIONARY, CIVIL, WORLD WAR ONE, AND WORLD WAR TWO. BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN FOUGHT AND HAVE DIED FIGHTING FOR AMERICA'S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME AND YOU. OLD GLORY IS STITCHED WITH A VERY POWERFUL THREAD, O THERE HAVE BEEN THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED TO PULL HER APART BUT WHAT THEY FAILED TO REALIZE WAS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A VERY STRONG HEART. YOU SEE WE THE PEOPLE WILL ONLY TAKE SO MUCH THEN WITH THE STRENGTH OF A TEN MILLION LIONS ON EAGLE'S WINGS WE SHALL SOAR, WE WILL FIGHT TO PRESERVE AMERICA'S RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS UNTIL OUR ENEMIES ARE NO MORE!!!!

# Rich Man Poor Man

By Chaplain Paul 7-16-2020

There once lived a very rich King, well come to think of it I don't think I've ever heard of a very poor king. Now this rich King was the Son of an immensely powerful Super King and in all the Son's life he was treated like a King. At some point the Son decided to go out into the world and see how the other people in his kingdom lived, but with all the fuss and hoopla unfortunately this was extremely hard to do.

Then one day the Son had a really cool idea because He really does care. The Son would pretend to be homeless and poor. Then one faithful night the Son slipped out of the castle back door. The Son went out into the world and He could not believe His eyes for to His shocking surprise there were thousands of poor people living in their shoes.

The Son saw people who were sick and suffering, He saw the blind trying to get through life, He saw the neglected, the beggar, the abused and the battered wives. He saw the leopard and the lame. He saw the cripple and the forgotten few. Then He shared His love and His healing touch with those who were suffering because that is what He was sent to do.

Finally, the Son tried asking people who were clearly better off for their help but most of them just turned the other way and simply said, "Good Day." Now there were a chosen few who had the courage and the decency in placing Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others. It started with one, then two and soon there were nine and then one day three more kind souls joined right in helping to make a positive difference in the world.

Sadly, not everyone welcomed these kind souls, most people would turn the other way in search of a good lunch without having a kind word to say. Then one faithful night the Son and the chosen twelve shared bread and wine it was a true blessing, simply divine.

Then the next day the police came and took the Son away for things they thought He had the nerve to say. They took Him away, no one believed He was the Super King's only Son. They laughed and laughed at His out of this world claims then they through him in the dungeon for yet another day.

The next day they put the Super King's only Son to death as passerbys snickered and laughed, then the Son breathed His last breath. When the Son's Father found out what had happened, He caused the earth to quake then they laid the Son to a peaceful rest.

Three days later the Son did arrive, He was in all His glory and very much alive. The twelve gave Him all the Praise, Honor and Glory I won't be able to end this story in rhyme this is a story I call Rich Man Poor Man it's all about sharing the love of Christ Yeshua with others it's about time. (Hey it rhymed.)

John 3:16 For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life...Amen

# Sheldon The Turtle

By Chaplain Paul 7-15-2020

Sheldon The Turtle was out walking around one day when suddenly a parrot came flying Sheldon's way. The Parrot informed Sheldon of a very dangerous virus that was coming his way.

"Now Sheldon." The parrot would say, "You need to get back in your shell right away."

Sheldon shook with fear then he retreated into his shell as he shed a little tear.

Day after day Sheldon stayed in his shell in time Sheldon's shell became a living hell. Poor Sheldon too afraid to ever come out, poor Sheldon so filled with fear he was forced to do without.

Sheldon stayed in his living hell of a shell for he had forgotten how to live, Sheldon yearned to be free he just didn't have the courage to come out into the light of day. He stayed in his shell until sadly poor Sheldon passed away.

It takes real courage to be free, living freely is the only way to live for you and me.

FREEDOM IT'S WORTH LIVING FOR IT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR AND IT'S WORTH DYING FOR!!!!!!! AMEN JOHN 14:27

# THE BLIND BEGGER

By Chaplain Paul Vescio July 4 2020

If given the chance to meet President Trump or a blind beggar which would you choose? I think most people especially in the Body of Christ now a days would choose the President in thinking that if only they could have a few moments with the President they could make a huge difference concerning certain issues that are very important to them. I mean in all reality what could a blind beggar do anyway? After all we are talking about meeting the most powerful man on earth, the President of the United States of America. President Trump wheels a lot of power and just one word from him and things happen.

Yes, if I could have just a half hour talking to the President I could explain to him about the civil rights violations in American healthcare right now and offer some real workable solutions to these very serious healthcare problems facing our nation right now.

I think most people would choose the President of the United States of America over sitting with a blind beggar, right? Well hold on there buttercup. What does the Bible teach us to do? The Bible teaches much on this subject like with the teachings of the Good Samaritan and to treat others as we would want to be treated as in loving thy neighbor as thy self and things like helping those who are suffering and be the light as in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before man that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

So let's go to the Bible and take a little looksee about all this shall we?

Mark 10:46-52 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

## Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

<sup>46</sup> Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd. A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David,<sup>[a]</sup> have pity on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!"

<sup>49</sup>Jesus stopped and said, "Call him over!"

They called out to the blind man and said, "Don't be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you." <sup>50</sup>The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup>Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man answered, "Master,<sup>[b]</sup> I want to see!"

<sup>52</sup>Jesus told him, "You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith."

Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

Christ Yeshua healed Bartimaeus by restoring his sight and suddenly this blind beggar someone who was looked at as being worthless and without purpose, someone who must of thought of himself as a total loser, this blind beggar sitting on the side of the road day after day helpless and alone begging for money and food in a blink of an eye became one of the most famous blind beggars in world history. The miracle healing of his restored sight has brought encouragement and hope to millions of suffering people around the world for centuries. (Restored sight both physically and Spiritually that and the fact that Bartimaeus threw off his coat which was his livelihood in that his coat identified him as being a beggar. He had absolute faith and trust that Christ Yeshua was going to heal him so much so he threw off his coat and ran to Christ just like we are to do each day. But this is for yet another study down the road of faith.)

So let's get back to our question, who would you rather meet President Trump which by the way no matter what you tell him will probably go in one ear and out the other meanwhile God might use you in leading the blind beggar to Christ for the glory of God at which point many other people through him might be led to Christ. Many people might be healed through the love and the redemptive healing power of Christ Yeshua and if it be God's will the blind man's eyes be opened physically through prayer and by the laying of hands then that man's testimony could bring thousands to Christ Yeshua for the glory of God.

Even more important our Lord saw something in this blind beggar that most of us miss, our Lord saw this man as being a child of God who had great purpose in the kingdom of God here on earth.

You may be thinking you have no purpose or self worth in life, you may be suffering in a care center or hospital bed or maybe you are a patient in a medical rehab right now or maybe you are homebound because of corona virus or in prison or living in a homeless shelter or living on the street, take heart you have purpose, you are loved, you are appreciated. You are a child of God and if you have received Christ to come into your life in genuine repentance, humility and love then you are the light of our Lord no matter where you may be. Pray for those around you, pray for staff and family members, offer kind words of encouragement and love. Share the word of God with others. You are a beacon of light in a very dark world right now and no matter where you may be Christ Yeshua is walking with you every step of the way for He is The Way The Truth and The Life no one comes to the Father except through Him.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you my peace I give to you not as the world gives do I give to you let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not for I am with you be not dismayed for I am your God, I will strengthen you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand...Amen

**John 3:16**

# THE INVISIBLES

BY Chapl... .... 7-9 2020

There lives among us all invisible men and women who's cries for help are never quite heard. They live among us all but are never really seen. They cry out for justice and for what's right but sadly they are ignored day and night. The homeless man who is reaching out asking for a helping hand is passed right by without even a blink of an eye.

The homebound who lives all alone day after day they continue to pray that someone will come and visit them someday, Sadly their own neighbors can't seem to see or even care about their neighbor's sorrowful pain, to them their homebound neighbor's plight is invisible day and night.

A single young woman becomes pregnant her soul is torn you see she's planning to have an abortion that will slaughter her first born. She doesn't know where to turn, her terrible torment and pain is invisible to all those around her as she continues standing in the pouring rain.

The mental health patient who cries out for relief can't seem to be seen or heard as he walks America's lonely streets. People all around can't seem to see him or the pain he is in, they walk right by and look the other way they do not have the time to help this poor soul today.

America's Veterans living in pain, some alone, some homeless and suicidal, some old and sick and forgotten left out in the rain their sorrowful pain is invisible to all those around, these same Veterans placed their lives on the line so we Americans could remain free it's not right America to just leave them behind in letting them be.

And now I saved the most invisible men and women for last, all those in mental hospitals, prisons, orphanages, nursing homes, care centers and medical rehabs sadly are as invisible as invisible could be, they are forgotten, isolated, abused, neglected and in most cases treated horribly.

“Abba Father my prayer is that You will one day open the eyes of the rest of society so they will begin to see others through the eyes of Christ. Lord fill the indifferent, spoiled, selfish, conceded, prideful and greedy with the compassion and love of Your Son Christ Yeshua for the suffering, homeless and needy.

Thank You Lord for Your helping hand in opening the eyes and the hearts of the people of this world so the invisibles could finally be seen through Your Son’s compassionate eyes and be properly cared for so You will be glorified I so solemnly pray in Christ Yeshua’s Holy Name today Amen. John 3:16 John 14:27

# THE LOVE OF FAMILY

By Chaplain Paul 6-7-2020

I woke up today not feeling so good and as time went by, I got increasingly worse. At some point I could hardly breathe, so my family took me to the hospital. When we arrived, we were told that only one person could come into the emergency room. I was very grateful that at least my wife would be by my side to ensure that my healthcare wishes were honored, and just having her there to hold my hand helped in calming me down.

About two hours later I was admitted to the hospital, my wife was told she could not go to the room to be by my side, we looked at each other and said, "I love you." As we both began to cry. Later that night I got worse and lost consciousness and was placed on a ventilator against my wishes. You see years ago my wife and I had medical directives drawn up but in all the rush and confusion of getting to the hospital we had forgotten to bring them.

In the days that followed medical mistakes were made in my case that if my family members had only been allowed to be by my side those mistakes would have been greatly prevented.

Four days later I regained consciousness but I could not speak, I could hear my wife and children telling me that they love and miss me but I could not tell them my concerns about the quality of care I was receiving.

Two weeks went by and finally I began to speak again, I called my wife and told her I loved her, I was able to tell my children I love them too but sadly that's all I was able to do.

I was too weak to tell them about the mistakes that my healthcare providers had made and now an infection caused by a contaminated IV had tragically gone septic and I began to fade away. At some point my family was notified that I might not make it through the night. My wife demanded to be let into the hospital to be by my side but her cries for compassion and love were flatly denied. My children and my wife called the Pastor of our Church, Pastor Wayne Basye and asked him if he could please go to be by my side and administer last rights but he too was flatly denied.

In total desperation my wife placed a call to the hospital Chaplain but his phone went to voice mail so my wife left him a desperate plea, then she gathered my family together, they all held hands in a circle and started to pray,

“O Lord please watch over Daddy, please O Lord help him to get through the night, please Lord help heal our poor father with Your Heavenly Light.”

At 3:00 am I passed away all alone without the love of my family standing by my side because the family I love was forced to stay outside. I ask you America how would you feel, surely a pathway to safe visitation should have been created by now. To the American healthcare providers, Love of family should always come first, to deny patients and their family members visitation and to receive last rites and bedside prayer by Clergy of our choice is immoral and very cruel and inhumane treatment at best.

America it's time for a change, it's time that American healthcare providers had a complete change of heart because their cruel healthcare policies all in the name of safety is tearing American Families apart.

Revelation 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain for the former things have passed away Amen. John 3:16 John 14:27

“O Lord please watch over Daddy, please O Lord help him to get through the night, please Lord help heal our poor father with Your Heavenly Light.”

# THE SHEEP THAT ROARED

By Chaplain Paul 7-1-2020

You've heard of the Mouse That Roared well this is a little story about the Sheep That Roared.

There once lived a flock of sheep living in Iceland or Greenland or Alaska or France, now this flock of sheep were very free living not in captivity. They were free to roam at will. They could climb just about every hill. The sheep were happy as claims living freely amidst the clear blue sky, you see they were so happy and free it would bring tears to your eyes.

Then one day poachers did arrive they began killing some of the sheep and still others they took alive. Soon after the powers that be decided to fence the sheep in for their own safety, wellbeing and good. O well the sheep thought to themselves after all it's for our own good.

Then the powers that be began installing cameras in the sheep's preserve so as to make sure they were all living safely and secure. The sheep had a huge chunk of land and they thought to themselves it's all for the good we understand.

Soon the powers that be began tagging and vaccinating the sheep so they could have a fighting chance to live a long and happy life. O well the sheep thought, it's all for the good and after all we are still free, right?

A few years later the population of the sheep herd grew in the thousands and the land they were living on was now worth a small fortune. The powers that be decided to take the sheep's land and use it for houses and farming. Big trucks with the lettering F.E.M.A. Animal Control began rounding up the sheep and hauling them away. All except one very brave sheep was set away that faithful day. You see this very courageous sheep had a plan he was going to go and get his friends help in freeing the sheep herd from man's greedy, evil hands.

This very brave sheep was named Joshua and he knew exactly what to do he ran just as fast as he could to the lion preserve not too far away and on that faithful day Joshua lead a band of lions and freed the sheep herd and they all ran far, far away.

Praise God the lion and the lamb living freely side by side by the waters of tranquility amidst the True Vine all because one courageous sheep had the courage to stand up and fight for what's right in placing Service Above Self for the glory of God...Amen

Don't be a Sheeple being led to the slaughter all silent and scared, be a sheep that ROARS LIKE A LION BECAUSE YOU REALLY DO CARE...AMEN

One brave sheep with the courage of a lion can lead an army of sheep into certain victory for the glory of God amidst what looked like a very dark and hopeless night...Amen Psalms 91

# The Train

by Chaplain Paul D. Vescio 7-4-09

“O Great horse of iron and steel, spewing smoke and breathing fire, eating wood and coal, drinking water, releasing steam high into the air, rolling free down your tracks. Locomotive of lightning, thunder and steal, your cars that you pull like so many little children holding hands all in a row. Passengers delight in all of your power and speed.

The Conductor calls out,  
“Tickets Please”

Now some tickets lead us on a path of righteousness and still others on a one way ticket straight into hell.

As we continue to travel down the narrow track light turns into dusk, then into darkness of the night, cabooses pass by laughing and singing and is gone in the blink of an eye.

Then entering a tunnel, dark and void of the light our train comes to a sudden stop, some of the passengers are let off right into outer darkness; why?

Starting once again on our way, passing through time and space I begin to question, “where, when, how and why?”

Moving ever faster now, time seems to stand still and bend, a long dark night gives way to the sweet morning light.

Coming into the station it's the dawning of a brand new and glorious day. As the train comes to a rolling stop we are told to leave all of our belongings behind, we won't be needing them anymore. Stepping off of the train I can now see why, For standing before me is a Kingdom of light shining so Heavenly bright, love, song, gates of pearly white, a million singing angels stand at attention as a ten thousand white doves take to flight.

People cheer and sing, laugh and shout. All the Saints help the new arrivals off the train.

Then the engineer steps out into our sight, with hands and

feet scared, a crown of thorns, a flowing white robe and snow white hair turns to us and says,

“Welcome home my good and faithful children; “I love you”

And so my faithful friends always remember when the train of life comes at the end of life make sure you have the ticket of Salvation and Righteousness for it will surely save your life.

In Yeshua's name I pray...Amen

John 3:16 is truly our Golden Ticket to Eternal Life

Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest for your soul, therefore take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your soul, for My yoke is easy and me burden are light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to Me and I will answer and show you great and mighty things of which you do not know.

God Is Always In Control In Touch Devotional May 17 2020

Why do bad things happen? Honestly, it's a question I can't answer, but I believe God has a purpose for everything. My faith is in the fact that the Lord is sovereign. Psalms 22:28

When we're in the middle of a trial it's hard to resist crying out,

“God why is this happening?”

Sometimes we get an answer and sometimes we don't, but we can

be sure nothing happens by accident. We have God's promise that He'll cause "All things to work together for good to those who love God."

Romans 8:28

Seeing in advance how God will work all things for our benefit can be very difficult, if not impossible. Our limited human perspective often doesn't allow us to grasp His greater plan in our lives. However, the Father's good, good, handywork is in everything even our pain, hardships, and losses. He turns mourning into gladness and provides bountiful blessings and benefits from our darkest hours.

As believers we must accept that things won't always make sense to us in our lives. Isaiah teaches that God's ways and thoughts are higher than our own. Isaiah 55:9 He sees the beautifully completed picture. We can rely on the fact that God is in complete control no matter how wildly off kilter our world seems to be.

# The Tree of Life

by Chaplain Paul Vescio 11-1-2019

The Tree of Life is quite something to behold, The Tree of Life keeps us all from growing spiritually old. The Tree of Life gives us His life-giving communal bread and wine. The Tree of Life is Holy and Divine. The Tree of Life is filled with the waters of salvation springing forth from the True Vine. Your roots are set in Judah and the Torah, Peace Shalom. The fruit of the Tree of Life is in all the selfless acts of service in sharing the love of Christ with others. Your seeds are the Word of God that travel a midst a fallen world.. Your leaves are all those who have placed their faith, hope, and trust in You. The Tree of Life is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The Tree of Life is life itself. The Tree of Life was born to die, the Tree of Life now lives on through you and I. The Tree of Life provides comfort, forgiveness, compassion and love. "Behold this is My Son in Whom I am well pleased." said Abba Father from above. "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne...Amen

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# TREES DON'T DRINK SODA OR COFFEE

By Chaplain Paul 6-27-2020

Trees do not drink soda, have you ever wondered why? It's because a tree is an example of a perfect living self-sustaining organism. Trees get their nutrients from the soil in the ground and from water and sunshine. When the leaves appear they are constantly being hydrated throughout the branches of the tree, in other words even though it may appear that trees are perfectly still they are in a constant state of perpetual motion of hydration, except when they are in a state of hibernation and even then the sap of the tree which is its life blood is still being processed.

God showed me the miracle of trees while I was at Kingman. He showed me that no two trees are exactly alike, O they may look alike but upon closer examination we can plainly see that they are not. Each tree is in itself uniquely made. Look at the wide variation of God's creation of trees on planet earth. All trees grow perfectly balanced, what I mean is they grow and do not fall over. O sure trees are blown over by storms and they fall over because of disease, insects and wind, snow, floods and such but they do not just grow and grow to such a point then fall over, that my friends takes a higher level of design to have that kind of perfection in that much variation.

Another miracle of the trees is that if we plant 20 different fruit trees in a row and those same fruit trees are planted in the same soil with the same water they will produce 20 different forms of fruit with 20 different forms of juice for the glory of God. That to me is incredible. And come to think of it why would a tree produce fruit in the first place. You might be thinking, "Well the fruit holds the seeds so the tree can continue through the generation of new life." Yes, very true, but there are many trees that do not produce fruit and still are able to produce seeds. No I'm not buying it, The reason why trees produce fruit is to feed you and me, the fruit is food for humans, animals, birds, insects, in other words trees produce a food source for living things and they do it FREE of charge, now what do you think of that?

By now you must be asking the question, “What in God’s Name does all this have to do with coffee or soda.” Well I was just about to tell you before you interrupted me.

A tree is constantly hydrating itself with, with, with, come on, come on, you can say it. WITH WATER!!! A tree’s food source is its leaves, when it gets too hot or too cold trees pull from its food source this is why the leaves turn brown and fall off the tree. Then the leaves become the nutrients in the soil that in turn feeds the tree, Like I said trees are an example of a perfect living self-sustaining organism and they give us food, medicine, paper products and building materials oxygen and shade and they do it all for FREE. God definitely knew what He was doing when He created the Trees.

God gives us examples of how we are to live a healthy life all around us each day. The Bible has many instructions about how and what kinds of foods we are to eat in order to ensure a healthy life. The human body has to be constantly hydrated all the time in order to function in a healthy manner. If we are not drinking plenty of water, it will affect our health in a negative way. If we are drinking things like soda like its water it will create negative effects on our bodies. Coffee is no better, drinking coffee and soda like its water and thinking it will properly hydrate us is wishful thinking at best. Too much acidity and sugar in the things we drink and eat and we are bound to have negative effects on our bodies like getting stones in our system. Do trees drink their own juice? At times I would say yes but all juice and very little water is not good for us either. Drink water like a tree for a healthy body it’s that simple. I think I’ll go out back and thank my trees by giving them a GREAT BIG HEALTHY DRINK of cool, refreshing, thirst-quenching, delicious, life-giving water. Bye for now from Chaplain Paul. John 14:27

# Who Cares?

By nobody

Two dudes by the name Stanley and Bert were walking down the street one fine day during the corona virus pandemic when Stanley turned to Bert and said,

“Hey, Bert did you hear about the restaurant who had to pay \$150.00 for each of his employees to be tested and had to shut his restaurant down for over a week because a customer got the virus?”

“Well that really does not concern me Stan because I’m not in the restaurant business and I don’t eat out very much.”

“Bert did you hear about the lady who was fined \$500.00 because she opened her hair salon during the shutdown? O, and about the fitness center that refused to shut its doors and now has to go to court and could also receive a very big fine?”

“Those things don’t concern me my friend, I don’t go to hair salons or fitness centers, It’s really no concern of mine.”

“Well then what about some states considering fining people \$250.00 for refusing to wear a mask in public? I mean that has got to steam your bean doesn’t it? Or how about the fact that Hospitals are not allowing family members to visit their loved ones and patients cannot receive visits by their Pastors or by members of the Clergy, I mean that is very sad you have to admit?”

“Hey the way I see it, It is what it is, I have my mask and you have yours to each his own and besides everyone in my family is healthy, it’s all good, besides I really don’t care.”

Later that same day Bert’s wife began feeling sick, Burt drove to the pharmacy to get his wife some medicine but he forgot his mask and was refused entry at the door, by the time Burt returned back home his wife had gotten worse. At some point they decided to go to the hospital. When they arrived, Burt was able to sit with his wife in the emergency room but was not able to go with her after she was admitted. In all the commotion Burt forgot to tell the hospital staff about a certain medication his wife was taking and he forgot to inform the hospital staff

about his wife's medical directives that they had drawn up a few years back which said NOT TO BE PLACED ON A VENTILATOR. The next day Bert's wife went into full respiratory failure and was placed on a ventilator her body had gone into shock because the hospital staff didn't know what medication she was on.

Burt tried to get in the hospital to see his wife but could not because of the corona virus policies put in place by the healthcare providers of America. Three days later the hospital staff notified Burt that his wife may not make it through the night. Burt placed a call to his Pastor to see if he could go the hospital to be by his wife's side and his Pastor informed him that the hospital where his wife was in would not allow him to go in for a visit.

In desperation Bert tried calling the Hospital Chaplain but the Chaplain had gone home for the day and because it was Friday he would not be returning to the hospital until Monday.

The next day Bert's wife died all alone with no family members or their Pastor by her side. How tragic, how sad, how heartbreaking. America when one person's civil rights are violated it affects us all. We have got to be willing to step up and fight in order to preserve our rights and freedoms at all cost because if we continue to look idly by as our rights and our freedoms are slowly stripped away then as sure as I am writing this story we will be the victims of having our civil rights violated one day soon and what a sad, sad, day that will be especially if no one really gives a damn.

# WE TURN TO GOD WHEN WE ARE MOST HELPLESS

By Chaplain Paul Vescio June 22 2020

All throughout the Bible we read how God uses circumstances that create helplessness for the greater good. Corona Virus has set the entire world into a state of helplessness.

In the Bible we read how God allows helplessness in our lives so that we will turn from our sinful ways and turn back to God. When we reach a point where we realize that we are totally helpless in the face of life's storms then we cry out to God. We ask for forgiveness and we repent.

Many patients in American healthcare providers are helpless right now because they cannot have visits from their loved ones. Many family members are feeling the sting of helplessness because they are all locked out of the hospitals, care centers, medical rehabs, and nursing homes.

Why would God allow this? Because millions of people around the world are reaching out to Him in total helplessness through repentance and love and that is the key to turning back to Him.

God knows the exact number of people who will turn back to Him through the helplessness of Corona Virus and until that number comes to pass the number of cases will continue to rise.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid...Amen

God takes that which was meant for evil and transforms it into good for His Glory. The helplessness of corona virus is turning millions of people back to God and to the hope of salvation through Christ our Lord... John 3:16

# The Little Bird Who Refused to Leave the Nest

By Chaplain Blue Bird of Happiness 7-30-20

There once was a Blue-Jay nest high up in a sycamore tree. Mr. and Mrs. Blue-Jay were happy as a lark because they were the proud parents of seven baby blue jays.

In time the little birds grew and one day one by one they took to flight and flew away to start a family of their own all except number 7. He stayed behind. Soon after, all the other animals began telling Mr. and Mrs. Blue-Jay they shouldn't allow number 7 to fly away, the squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits and even the sparrows would all say,

“Number 7 is all you have left, it's better to be safe than sorry, if he flies away you will be left all alone and besides number 7 might get hurt out in the world or even worse.”

Number 7 became too afraid to fly away he lived by the notion that it was better to be safe than sorry. No one ever told number 7 or his parents that freedom comes with a certain amount of risk. As in no risk no reward.

Poor number 7 lived out the rest of his days in a state of home arrest too afraid to step out in faith, too afraid to take risks, too afraid to spread his wings and take to flight for the glory of God.

Then one sad day when Mr. and Mrs. Blue-Jay were far away searching for food a snake made its way up the side of the tree and ate the Blue-Jay that pitiful day. You see flying is a bird's first line of defense and because our little friend here never learned to fly because he thought it was better to be safe than sorry he learned the hard way that when we give up our God-given rights and abilities to defend ourselves and our loved ones we run the real risk being very, very, sorry one day...Amen

When we give up our rights and our freedoms in thinking its better to be safe than sorry what we are actually doing in most cases is inadvertently placing ourselves at more risk and danger not less. There are many evil snakes in the world who know how to play on our fears so they can get what they desperately want, absolute wealth and total, power, and control. Amen

Benjamin Franklin Quote “Any society that would give up a little liberty (Freedom) to gain temporary security (safety) will deserve neither and will lose both.”

Just a side note it was the snake in this story who was telling all the other animals what to say to Mr. and Mrs. Blue-Jay.

# FREEDOM OR CAPTIVITY?

By Chaplain Paul June 9 2020

Freedom or Captivity, I ask you America which would you rather be?

To live in Freedom, it's true you might live a short life, but in all reality, to live in a total state of captivity is not much of a life for you or for me.

Freedom gives us the power to choose, Captivity means we have everything to lose.

Captivity means safety and security I will admit, but Freedom allows each of us to chart our own destiny in being exactly who God created us to be. I ask you America which would you rather be?

A life of living in a state of Captivity is not for me, I hope you too will choose Freedom over the oppression of Captivity.

America there is one catch, Freedom comes with a price, if we as a nation want to preserve it we must first be willing to stand up in order to preserve it, Freedom means living in the face of danger and not handing over all our rights and liberties for the sake of safety and security. America, I ask you which would you rather be, a nation living in captivity or a nation of Freedom and Liberty?

America we must find the courage within each of our hearts to stand up for the sake of Freedom before all of this worry and fear tares our nation apart.

In the last few months, we have seen our civil rights slowly stripped away, especially in American healthcare I'm very sad to say. We've seen police brutality as a fed-up nation took to the streets, we've heard the cries for justice being echoed throughout our land, America it's time once again to fight for our Freedoms in making a powerful stand.

America If given the choice between Captivity or Freedom I ask you again which one would you choose, because if we as a nation continue making the wrong choice WE THE PEOPLE HAVE EVERYTHING TO LOSE!!!

Second Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty.

# THE COURAGE TO SAY NO

By Chaplain Paul July 22 2020

America have we truly lost the courage to say "NO"?

The Founding Fathers had the courage to say, "NO"!!! to the British Empire back in 1776. The King of England taxed and taxed and taxed the colonies to such a point that the only solution was to have a revolution. The Founding Fathers proclaimed,

"Taxation without representation will not be tolerated in a free country, My fellow countrymen it's time to stand up and fight for the sake of freedom and liberty."

In the words of Benjamin Franklin "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God" (proposed by Franklin for the motto of the Great Seal of the United States).

"Every man...is, of common right, and by the laws of God, a freeman, and entitled to the free enjoyment of liberty."

"Our cause is the cause of all mankind...we are fighting for their liberty in defending our own."

"Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

And then there was Harriet Tubman who was born a slave and who escaped leaving her family and making it to freedom in the north. But she did not stop there she devoted her life in helping other slaves to escape by being a Conductor on the Underground Railroad to Canada. Harriet Tubman had the courage to say, "NO"!!! to slavery and oppression and, "YES" TO FREEDOM AND LIBERTY. Harriet Tubman helped over 300 slaves make it to freedom in the north.

President Lincoln had the courage to say, "NO"!!! to slavery and oppression and say YES TO FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.

In President Lincoln's own words,

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it.

Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving Grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

Abraham Lincoln

Davy Crockett along with all the other brave men and women at the Alamo had the courage to say, "NO"!!! General Montezuma and his invading army. They fought to the death fighting for freedom.

And when women were refused the right to vote Susan B Anthony had the courage to stand up and say, "NO"!!! NO TO INEQUALITY IN AMERICA!!!

Susan B Anthony spearheaded the American Suffrage Movement for woman's right to vote.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had the courage to say "No"!!! to the Depression, "NO" to poverty, "No" to hopelessness, "NO" to homelessness, "No" to unemployment, "NO to inequality, and "NO"!!! to fear itself!!! As in NO MORE!!!!!!

Rosa Parks had the courage to say, “NO”!!!! to sitting in the back of the bus, “NO” to bigotry, “NO” to inequality, “NO” to prejudice, “NO” to injustice and “NO” to Oppression in America. As in NO MORE!!!!!!

In her own words, “I would like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free, so other people could be also free.” Rosa Parks

Reverend Martin Luther King had the courage to say, “NO”!!! As in NO MORE!!!!!! Racial inequality in America. “NO MORE!!!!!!” poverty, homelessness, prejudice, disparity, NO MORE!!!!!! Hopelessness, bigotry, racism, and NO MORE OPPRESSION IN AMERICA!!!!!!

In MLK’S own words, “**A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.**”

“**Freedom** is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” –**MLK, Jr**

President John F Kennedy had the courage to say, “NO” to stagnation, “NO” to segregation, poverty, inequality, injustice, “NO” to having missiles in Cuba. “NO” to the war in Vietnam. “NO” to The New World Order. “No” to tyranny and oppression. As in, “NO MORE”!!!!!!!

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. – John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth. – John Fitzgerald Kennedy

“If **freedom** is to survive and prosper, it will require the sacrifice, the effort and the thoughtful attention of every citizen.” JFK

Robert F Kennedy had the courage to say, “NO” to poverty, “NO” to inequality, oppression, “NO” to crime and the Italian Mafia, “NO” to segregation, homelessness, “NO” to the injustices of this world.

As in NO MORE!!!!!!!

In his own words, “Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events. It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

– **Robert F. Kennedy**

“Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice.”

– **Robert F. Kennedy**

“We can move in that direction as a country, in greater polarization - black people amongst blacks, and white amongst whites, filled with hatred toward one another. Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand and to comprehend, and replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand, compassion and love.... What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence and lawlessness, but is love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or whether they be black.”

– **Robert F. Kennedy**

**Moses had the courage to say, “NO” to Pharaoh by saying,**

**“LET MY PEOPLE GO”**

**David had the courage to say “NO” to Goliath who was a giant with sword and shield. David had only a few smooth stones and a sling and he struck Goliath in the head for the glory of God.**

**Christ Yeshua had the courage to say “NO” to satan and the powers of darkness, sin and death itself. He said “NO” to the money changers in the Temple. Christ Yeshua had the courage to say, “NO” to suffering, poverty, hatred, unforgiveness, and all unrighteousness as in saying, “NO MORE”**

**Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted to proclaim Liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.**

**Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

**And behold a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him saying,**

**“Teacher what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”**

**He said to him, “what is written in the law, what is your reading of it?”**

**So he answered and said you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself and He said to him,**

**“you have answered rightly, do this and you shall live.”**

**But he wanted to justify himself said to Yeshua, “And who is my neighbor?” And Yeshua answered and said, “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves who stripped him of his clothing wounded him and departed leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down the road and when he saw him he passed by on the other side, likewise a Levite when he arrived at the place came and looked and passed by on the other side but a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came where he was and when he saw him he had compassion so he went to him and bandaged his wounds pouring oil and wine and he set him on his own animal bought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day when he departed he took out two pieces of silver gave them to the innkeeper and said to him, “Take care of him and whatever more you spend when I come again I will repay you.” So which of these do you think was neighbor to him who fell among thieves and he said, “He who showed mercy on him. Then Yeshua said to him,**

**“Go and do likewise,”**

**John 8:12 And Yeshua speaking to them said, “I am the light of the world he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the Light of Life**

**John 14:6 And Yeshua spoke to them saying, “I am the Way the Truth and the Life no one comes to the Father except through me.”**

**John 8:36 Who the Son sets FREE is FREE indeed.**

**2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty...Amen**

# Autopilot

By Chaplain Paul D. Vescio 3-3-12

“Come on Son you don't want to be late on the day of your first flying lesson, do you?”

“I'm ready Dad, be right there, hang on.”

Today was the big day, my father works at Deer Valley airport and he paid for me to go on six flying lessons.

You see ever since I was a little kid I wanted to learn to fly and now finally on my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday I get my chance.

“OK Dad lets go, I'm ready to reach for the sky.”

“Bye Mom we're leaving, I love you.

Then Mom called out from the kitchen,

“You two be careful, and please call me to let me know your OK, have fun, I love you.”

Then Dad said to Mom,

“Don't worry Hun Kevin will do just fine, the weather is perfect, we have been blessed with clear skies and besides Kevin's instructor is John Henning one of the best instructors there is at Deer Valley. I'll Call you on my cell in a little while.”

As we drove off we could see Mom waving bye from the front door.

“Bye Mom don't worry.”

A short time later we pulled onto the runway where the plane was parked, and there was Mr. Henning waiting for us with a big smile on his face. When he saw us he yelled out,

“OK Kevin todays the big day are you ready to take your first steps in becoming a pilot?”

“Yes Sir, I was born ready let's go.”

“That's what I like to hear son, hop in and sit in the co-pilot's seat, I'll be right there after I talk to your dad.”

“Thank you, John, for taking my son up today.”

“No problem Paul besides you know me I love to fly.”

I climbed into the plane a blue and white four-seater single engine Cessna.

Well this was it, it was really happening I was about to learn how to fly an airplane.

“Good luck Son, I'll be watching you from the cafe”

I gave dad a confident thumbs up as Mr. Henning climbed aboard the aircraft.

Then Mr. Henning started to explain a whole series of instructions and safety processors including a check list that must be thoroughly gone over before each flight. He explained what all of the controls are used for then said in case of an emergency turn on the autopilot switch and then call to the control tower for help by saying, “This is Cessna 193 MAY DAY MAY DAY!!!!

“Autopilot cool, will it land me safely if something happens.”

“Well not exactly Kevin, you'll have to land the plane yourself manually with the help of an instructor radioing in from the control tower. The autopilot will fly the aircraft safely around the perimeter of the airport until you are ready to land, now don't take too long you don't want to run out of fuel, but you really don't have to worry too much about that because we've got about five hours of fuel aboard this aircraft.

“Well my boy are you ready to take off into the wide blue yonder? Today I'll get us in the air then you can take the controls to get a feel of the aircraft and together we'll bring her back in for a landing, how's that sound?”

“Wow cool let's do this thing”

Well let me just say the first few lessons went great. We flew for about an hour each time and I learned a lot about how to fly. The first two times I flew as co-pilot and on my third time out I flew as pilot with Mr. Henning's help.

Today was to be my 6<sup>th</sup> and final flight, maybe dad will split the cost for more lessons so I can continue my training.

When we arrived at the airport it began to thunder and rain out, I asked Mr. Henning if we were still going to fly today.

He looked at me with an assuring smile and said, "Well Kevin as a pilot you'll have to learn how to fly in all kinds of weather good and bad, today's a good enough day as any to start learning. Let's climb aboard the aircraft and get in the air.

We took off without a hitch, it was pretty turbulent as we gained altitude then at about 2000 feet things became calm and for the most part smooth.

Then Mr. Henning instructed me to lower our altitude to 500 feet so that I could get more practice in flying in bad weather. We were literally flying through the rain clouds, I could see flashes of lighting and hear the sound of thunder rolling off our backs. Then the wind picked up and I lost control of the aircraft we fell into a dive and rolled at least three times. Mr. Henning took control of the plane and began giving me instructions on what to do. Just as it looked like things were back under control Mr. Henning leaned forward and lost consciousness.

I took control of the plane and tried to revive Mr. Henning but he was out. I checked to see if he was breathing and thank God he was still breathing. Then as I tried to straighten him in his seat and revive him I looked and noticed blood on the back of his head, I then realized he must of hit his head when

we rolled in the dive. I had to think fast, what should I do? I began to panic, I needed to remember what Mr. Henning instructed me to do in a situation like this.

For a moment I prayed and asked for God's guidance and help. Then I remembered call May Day, I turned the radio on and called MAY DAY!!! MAY DAY!!!!!! FLIGHT 193 MAY DAY!!!!!!

The turbulence was fierce, I began to lose control of aircraft then a still small voice within said turn on the autopilot Kevin. I reached over and switched to autopilot then the plane leveled out and even though there was still some turbulence I felt a lot safer. Just then a voice came over the air waves that said,

“We roger that what is the nature of your emergency Cessna 193?”

I began to explain my situation to the people in the control tower. Now I was calm I knew I was in good hands, the instructor on the ground gave me excellent instructions on how to land the aircraft and the autopilot gave me peace of mind, I could function with more confidence in knowing I was in good hands.

O by the way I landed just fine and Mr. Henning well he had a nice big bump on his head and when he got out of the hospital he told me that I pass flight school and that the rest of the lessons are his present free of charge.

Just one thing though I thank God for helping me get home safely and healing Mr. Henning in Yeshua's name Amen...

O and Mom well she doesn't need to know about what happened so please don't tell her or I'll never hear the end of it, trust me I'll never be able to fly again let alone set foot in an airport alone ever again either.

When the storms of life come crashing in all around us we tend to try to weather the storm out ourselves under our own strength and will by flying straight through the darkened clouds. All too often we place God in the back seat of life letting Him only take full control when we are literally inches away from crashing.

Our walk with Christ Yeshua is the same way when we try to do it our way we crash and burn-out.

By trying to live up to our own view of what a Christian is we become filled with anxiety, fear, worry, doubt and depression We tend to want to serve many hours thinking that that is what's expected of us.

But in all reality, He is the Pilot of our lives and when we switch over in faith to Autopilot and let go and let God be in full control, all the worry, doubt, fear, anxiety, anger and depression suddenly begins to fade away until what is left is the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

We are at peace in knowing that God is real and is in full control of our lives, for He is faithful to lead us onward toward a safe landing in eternity.

If you feel like your life is spinning out of control maybe it's time to switch over to Autopilot and let God lead the way to a more meaningful life in Christ Yeshua...

#### Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Yeshua... Amen To switch your mind and thoughts over to Autopilot all one has to do is apply Proverbs 3:5-6 to their lives.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct your paths...Amen

# And They Laughed at Noah

By Chaplain Paul 5-18-2020

Genesis 7:11-20 In the 600th year of Noah's life in the second month the 17th day of the month on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and the windows of heaven were open and the rain was on the earth 40 days and 40 nights. On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons Shem, Ham and Japheth and Noah his wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort, and they went into the ark to Noah. 2 by 2 of all flesh in which is the breath of life so those that entered male and female of all flesh went in as God had commanded him and the Lord shut him in. Now the flood was on the earth 40 days the waters increased and lifted up the ark and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters and the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed 15 cubits upward and the mountains were covered.

Matthew 24:36-44 Christ's second coming. But of that day and hour no one knows not even the Angels of heaven but my father only. But as the days of Noah were so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the Ark. And did not know until the flood came and took them all away so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Noah warned the people to repent and to get ready because a terrible flood was coming on the earth. The people must have looked at Noah like he was insane or something. Can you imagine what they must have thought as Noah and his family continued to build a massive ark for close to 100 years?

After reading the story of Noah's Ark in the Bible I can tell you who was one of the most faithful women in the Bible, it was without question Noah's wife for standing by her husband's side through the whole ordeal. Noah's wife one of the most faithful women in the Bible and we don't even know her name. O, if you did deep enough there is reference to a woman in Genesis who could have been the wife of Noah.

America hear this, there is a mighty flood coming to each of our lives. This flood will come in like a thief in the night, it has a force to easily sweep away our homes and our assets. This food comes into our lives without mercy and if we do not have an Ark of faith to enter into we and all of our family members will most likely be consumed by it.

America a flood is coming that we have been warned about for decades. The rains have already begun to fall in the form of corona virus. The storm has the potential to last much longer than 40 days and 40 nights. America make ready your individual Arks of Faith so you will be able to weather out the storm.

First things first, what is this flood we are talking about? The flood is American healthcare. And Who or what is this Ark? The Ark is Christ Yeshua, He is the Ark that helps us to weather out the storms of life for He and He alone has the power to calm the raging seas and bring peace, comfort and hope to a troubled soul for His word says, He shall never leave us nor forsake us.

America the rains have already begun. The water is rising all around us, its time to step out in faith and do what is right under the sight of God. The choice is ours we can either do what is right according to our own eyes or we can apply Proverbs 3:5-6 to our lives as we enter into the Ark of Christ. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct our paths...Amen

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

# ALONE

by Chaplain Paul 3-25-2014

Doorsteps, empty chamber, a window pane's broken glass. Memories flood my mind, kitchen's morning sun light, laughter, dancing in life's rain. Dinner table full of family, food, and love. Companion, my best friend sits by my side. House, family and a life secure and safe. Time passes through hours, and then through the years, children grow and soon grandchildren are heard running and playing in the yard.

Hanging on, our love holds our little family tightly together through the good and the bad times. Seasons change with the passing of time as Autumn leaves appear. Our children have now but all grown up and moved on to claim a piece of the American dream for their very own. And then one day an Autumn leaf slips gently away into the awaiting hands of God and I am suddenly left all alone.

I can't seem to manage on my own these days, sickness has now taken it's toll. Burden for my children is now too much for them to bear so we all agree it's time to move me to a place for some special loving care.

My house now gone, family calls when they can, my dog has left me to his final rest. My room is shared, an entire hospital filled with staff and patients and still I am alone.

Visits have been halted because of coronavirus policies, Some of my things are missing too. Sometimes I'm treated rudely, pushed and ordered around like a child, then I take a sudden fall to the ground. "HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!, PLEASE HELP ME I'M HURT!!!!!"

A nurse comes in shaking her head, "I'm getting tired of this S\*#T, NOW what have you done? Can't you see I'm busy? Here now get up you pain in the bass." And with that I'm roughly manhandled back into bed and restraints are applied for my own safety.

I use to say "O this could never happen to me." But here I sit day after day, sad and all ALONE, won't someone please come help me, won't someone, anyone please.

"O Lord where is Christ in skin?"

Matthew 25:42-46

for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and did not take Me in; I was naked and you did not clothe Me: sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.

Then they also will answer Him saying, “Lord when did we see You hungry or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison and did not minister to You”?

Then He will answer Him saying, “Assuredly I say to you inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these you did not do it to Me.”

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life...

John 8:12

And Yeshua spoke to them again saying, “I Am the light of the world, he who follows in Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life...”

Matthew 5: 16

Let your light so shine before men; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven...in the name of Christ Yeshua we pray...Amen

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you My peace I give to you not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid

# There's No Place Like Home

by Chaplain Paul D Vescio 4-3-2019

Dorothy in The Wizard of OZ wished that she was back home with her loved ones in Kansas, at the end of the movie she tapped her ruby slippers three times saying,

“There's no place like home, there's no place like home, there's no place like home.”

Then when she opened her eyes she was back home surrounded by all those who loved her. When we are going through very tough times in our lives, we like Dorothy sometimes wish that we were back home with our family.

There is a place where we as believers in Christ Yeshua call home. There is a place filled with love, peace and joy. There is a place that awaits us all it is a place called Heaven.

Heaven is our true home, our earthly home is a place filled with many memories both good and bad and joyous and sad. Our earthly homes are for a fleeting moment as they slowly seem to fade away, but Heaven is our eternal home that's here to stay. Try to focus all of your thoughts on Heaven and on Christ Yeshua's infinite love. Imagine that you are sitting with Christ in a beautiful meadow or flower garden. Imagine that the two of you are fishing by a brook or a peaceful stream that leads to a cascading waterfall just upstream. Imagine that you and our Savior are walking through a forest that leads to an apple orchard that lies just ahead. Imagine that you are sitting with Christ Yeshua on the beach roasting marshmallows as calm seas give way to gentle waves rolling onto the shoreline. Imagine being surrounded by the peace and the love and the joy of Christ Yeshua's infinite love for all eternity. Just imagine what our eternal home in Heaven will one day be like. With each passing day we draw closer to being home and like Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz all we have to do to get back home is to close our eyes and believe with all our heart in John 3:16...Amen

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ Yeshua Who strengthens me...Amen

## The Gift of Eternal Life InTouch Ministries Devotional

The Bible tells us that we are helpless to save ourselves. The only way to receive the gift of Salvation is to agree with the testimony of scripture. God the father sent his Son to die on the cross to pay for our sins. Jesus Christ paid in full the debt we owed for our transgressions. His gift of Salvation is FREELY GIVEN. The guilt of our sin has been removed without cost to us. There is no act so vile that it is not covered by the cross of Christ and there is no deed so good that could achieve Salvation. FULLY SUFFICIENT. Christ death paid for our sin past, present and future. Nothing is required of us except to believe in Jesus. FOREVER OURS. Having received our Salvation, we do not have to work to keep it. This precious gift is permanently ours and it guarantees that we are irrevocably members of God's family. Our feelings do not determine whether we are saved or not the only thing that matters is what God says and what we believe. Have you put your faith in Jesus? If so then according to God's biblical promises and the Holy Spirit's affirmation, you can know that eternal life is yours. Won't you thank God today for this remarkable gift?

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not for I Am with you, be not dismayed for I Am your God. I will strengthen you, YES I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid...Amen

# The Tree of Life

by Chaplain Paul Vescio 11-1-2019

The Tree of Life is quite something to behold, The Tree of Life keeps us all from growing spiritually old. The Tree of Life gives us His life-giving communal bread and wine. The Tree of Life is Holy and Divine. The Tree of Life is filled with the waters of salvation springing forth from the True Vine. Your roots are set in Judah and the Torah, Peace Shalom. The fruit of the Tree of Life is in all the selfless acts of service in sharing the love of Christ with others. Your seeds are the Word of God that travel a midst a fallen world.. Your leaves are all those who have placed their faith, hope, and trust in You. The Tree of Life is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The Tree of Life is life itself. The Tree of Life was born to die, the Tree of Life now lives on through you and I. The Tree of Life provides comfort, forgiveness, compassion and love. "Behold this is My Son in Whom I am well pleased." said Abba Father from above. "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne...Amen

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# My Interview with God

By Chaplain Paul 7-30-2020

I thought of an idea for a story called, My Interview with God. I began thinking of a storyline and thought a good story would be that I'm driving on the highway to go to a job interview and then suddenly I find myself sitting in front of the interviewer's desk but I do not know how I got there so fast. One minute I was driving and the next minute I was sitting at the interview.

I was going to contact a few Pastors that I know and ask each of them for a single question that God could ask me. I thought it would be cool to have a total of seven questions. You see unbeknownst to me the interviewer is God. I thought it would be a cool idea to get the questions that God asks me at the interview from mighty men and women of God that I know, but God had a better idea.

Before I went to bed for the night, I went in my prayer closet to pray and I had a thought, what if I just asked God to ask me the questions? I mean why not after all the story is about my interview with Him.

So that's what I did, I said to God, "God why don't You just ask me the questions, and then the first question came to me.

"How do you handle stress; do you handle it in a Godly manner?"

I thought about it and to be quite honest with you I do not handle stress very well let alone in a Godly manner. Realizing this I became saddened because I felt I had let the Lord down by not trying harder to deal with stress in more of a Christlike manner.

I realized that this story and the questions that God would ask me was going to force me to take a hard look at myself. The first question I failed what if I fail all seven questions will I be disqualified for the job I'm being interviewed for?

I'm not kidding, what started out as an idea for a fun story to write has now become a very serious exercise in self-improvement and self-reflection. I wonder what question two will be, I guess we will just have to wait and see.

Today was my big interview at Choice Technologies. I was applying for press release writing position in that company's advertising and promotion department.

I honestly can't believe they contacted me but the way I see it, it's all in God's hands. I decided to take the freeway to the interview because I was running a little late. I was about to turn off on exit 7 when the strangest thing happened, I suddenly found sitting in front of a great big desk at my interview.

How in the world did that happen? For the life of me I could not figure it out. But I figured it was my nerves playing tricks on me. No big deal, right?

The interviewer came into the room with a very comforting look on his face. He had a very calming presence about him. He looked at me and then reached out his hand and said, "Welcome" We shook hands and he said his name was Christopher and that he had only 7 questions that he wanted to ask me.

Then He smiled and looked right into my eyes and asked,

"How do you handle stress, do you handle it in a Godly manner?"

At first I was taken back, to be quite honest with you I do not handle stress very well. I sat for a moment thinking about what I was going to say then Chris said in a very kind voice, "It's Ok Paul take your time and please be honest with me."

I felt kind of sad, I thought to myself I really don't handle stress in a Godly manner after all handling stress in a Godly manner would be to know deep in my heart that God is in control and to ask Him for His guidance, direction and peace in the situation. I did not want to lie so I swallowed my pride and looked at Chris and said, "To be perfectly honest with you I do not handle some forms of stress very well and like most people it depends on what type of stress I am dealing with determines how I handle it. I handle some forms of stress very well and other kinds of stress not so well. I can handle the stress of prison and serving our Lord in a nursing home but I cannot handle the stress of having a daycare in my house. I can handle the stress of my finances and business but I cannot handle the stress of health problems especially where my loved ones are concerned.

Chris jotted down a few notes and said, "I understand, stress comes in all different kinds of forms in our lives and we all handle certain forms of stress in our own way."

“Paul, what are you doing in your life in reaching out in helping others.?”

To be perfectly honest with you, I truly think I’m not doing enough. I try to help those around me, I have a heart for nursing home ministry. I listen to the concerns of others and offer prayer to people in need. I guess the most important help I can give is in leading someone to Christ Yeshua our Lord.

“Yes Paul, There is no higher calling then in helping to lead the lost to Christ.”

I sat and thought about this for a moment and realized that, yes I am to at least try to help those around me who are in need while at the same time leading them to Christ by planting seeds of faith, hope and love through sharing Christ’s love.

Chris looked at me and said, “Paul, please tell me how do you handle rejection?”

Once again I had to take a step back and look at myself and ask the question, “How do I handle rejection?”

I thought about it for a moment and tried to remember being rejected and how it made me feel. I looked at Chris and said, “I remembered as a young boy my family and I were rejected by a few of the neighbors because we were Italian. I’m not kidding there were at least five or more households on our block who refused their children to play with me and my younger brother Kevin because we were Italian Americans. Their rejection made me very angry and resentful. I wanted to get even with them for hurting my family.”

Christ looked at me with a very concerned look on his face and said,

“Paul do you think being angry and wanting revenge helped matters any?”

“Looking back now, no it didn’t, knowing what I know now I should have shown those families the love and the compassion of Christ. I should have let them see the Christ in me.”

“That is very good Paul, you have come a very long way since the time you lived in Stamford Conn.”

I thought to myself, “How did he know I’m from Stamford Conn.?”

“Tell me Paul, what are you looking for?”

“Do you mean as in a job?”

“No, I mean as in life?”

I really don't know any more, life has gotten so hectic and complicated that I really lost sight of what it is I'm actually looking for in life. Can I please think about it for a moment?”

“Sure, take as much time as you need. There are no wrong answers in the interview Paul, it's all good.”

I thought about what it was that I was looking for in life, I guess when I get right down to it the answer is pretty simple.

I looked at Chris and said, “I guess I'm looking for peace and to know everything will be Ok for me and for my family. I seek to serve our Lord Christ Yeshua through nursing home ministry. I seek the Lord's peace, love and joy. And that's the truth.”

“Paul, are you a good parent.”

I looked at Chris and said, “Not really, I don't think I'm a very good parent or for that matter a very good grandfather either. I am impatient and because my grandchildren live with us and the fact that we have a day care in our home makes it very difficult. I also have a son I have never seen and just thinking of that whole deal makes me see myself as a terrible person.”

Chris looked at me with a very kind face and said, “Don't be so hard on yourself Paul, just as long as your heart is in the right place and you truly love your family and are there for them when the storms of life come blowing in and as long as your family knows you love them and are there for them then that's a good thing. No one is perfect Paul and our Father in heaven knows it and He loves each of us very much.”

“Paul, how are you doing?”

Once again Chris caught me completely off guard with this next question. And once again I was forced to take a hard look at myself. I sat and thought about it for a few minutes and answered,

“I’m Ok I guess, I’m trying like everyone else just to get through the day. I realize how blessed my family is, but the problems and the challenges of the day can be overwhelming at times. I try to keep my focus on God and His word but just like everyone else I fall short often.”

“Paul it’s all about balance, faith, hope and trust, it’s all about setting your life on auto pilot. No one ever said it was going to be easy, your doing just fine in this interview, now it’s time for my final question which is,

“Are you ready?”

“Do you mean am I ready to take the position at this company?”

“I mean are you ready, as in are you ready for what is to come?”

“Yes, I believe so. I am ready to start working,”

“Good, very good Paul in that case.....\*.\*.\*.\*.\*.\*

“We have a heartbeat Doctor.”

“Good stabilized the patient and get him up to ICU ASAP.”

Three days went by before I found out that I had been in a car accident and rushed to the hospital and died for over fifteen min., then about two weeks later I was sent to a medical rehab for therapy and while I was there I was able to minister to the patients. One day as I was sitting with two of the patients sharing the Word of God a patient by the name Joanna handed me a fortune cookie. What actually happened was she had three fortune cookies and gave me a choice. When I opened the one I chose my fortune read,

You Got The Job Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Thank You Abba Father for Your Blessings and Love in helping me to be the Chaplain of God I am today. Thank You for guiding me and helping me to write these poems, writings and stories. I give all the Praise, Honor and Glory to You. Thank You for helping me to better understand Your Word and in helping me to better understand myself and the world around me. I love You and Praise You in Christ Yeshua's Holy Name...Amen

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid...Amen