

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride into town;
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own
The cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied;
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed a nest in which to rest
He never had a home so crude;
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own
The cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way to the tomb
The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave;
They borrowed a winding sheet
But the crown that He wore
And the cross that He bore
Were His own
The cross was His own.

IN CHRIST,
BRO. WARREN

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FROM BRO. TIM

Be a Hearer — and a Doer!

by George Whitten,

Matthew 12:46-50 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, your mother and your brothers stand outside, desiring to speak with you. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brothers? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brothers! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Luke 8:19-21 Then came to him his mother and his brothers, and could not reach him for the crowd. And it was told him by some who said, Your mother and your brothers stand outside, desiring to see you. And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brothers are these who hear the word of God, and do it.

As I continue this series of devotionals on "understanding the will of God", I'd like to talk about a story which is told in all the synoptic gospels, except that Luke's account gives a significant nuance. (Many skeptical Bible "critics" point out differences in the gospels to argue that they can't be reliable — yet it's actually the differences which support the

validity of these accounts because they reveal that the events recorded were simply experienced and told from slightly different viewpoints, a very common circumstance when people are telling a story.)

The gospels of Matthew and Mark give an account of the Lord's mother and brothers arriving to see Him, and wanting to speak with Him, though they were hindered because there were so many people around Him. Yeshua (Jesus) takes this opportunity to define a broad new "family" principle when He says, "... whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." But Luke's account adds something, "those who hear the word of God and do it!"

The word of God is going out across the whole world, and many are hearing it. Those who are acting on what it says are defined as the true family of Yeshua!

Here, then, is another simple approach to living in the will of God. Read His Word — and don't be a hearer only — but be a doer, one who acts according to what he hears or reads. If you do, you reveal that you are a close relative of the Son of God, and that's a relationship better than any other in the world!

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Blessings, Pastor Tim

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- APR. 23rd** - Joint Rehearsal in Live Oak – Leave @ 9:00 AM – Return @ 1:30 PM
26th - "Redeeming Love – A Worship Concert" – @ Westwood Baptist Church Live Oak – 6:00 PM – Presented by YAH & Senior Saint Singers – Leave @ 4:00 PM – Return @ 9:00 PM
28th - Joint Rehearsal in High Springs – 10:00 AM – Choir Fellowship afterwards in FLC
MAY 3rd - "Redeeming Love – A Worship Concert" – @ High Springs FBC – 6:00 PM – Presented by YAH & Senior Saints Singers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- APR. 3rd** - Mike & Mary Sturm
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10th - Jose & Sonia Valdes
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Wyman & Hilda Fowler & Family in the death of her brother, Bobby Bowlin.

