

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

STORMS!

Never fear the fierce storms that even now
May be blowing through your life.

Storms bring blessings, and rich fruit
Will be harvested later.

Flowers live by the tears that fall
From the sad face of the skies

And life would have no joys at all
Were there no watery eyes.

Love the sorrow, for grief will bring
Its own reward in later years.

The rainbow! See how fair a thing
God has built up from tears.

Henry S. Sutton

God promises a safe landing,
Not a calm passage.

God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called!

The will of God never takes you where the
Grace of God will not protect you!

Don't let your worries get the best of you;
Remember, Moses started out a basket case.

When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.

In Christ,
Bro. Warren

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SEPTEMBER



FROM BRO. TIM:

Idols. Everyone has them or do they? Let's look with Chuck Swindoll into God's Word.

Idols by Charles R. Swindoll
Genesis 35:1-4

We can make an idol out of anything or anyone in life. A church building can become an idol to us, when all the while it is simply a place to meet and worship our Lord—nothing more. Your child can become your idol . . . in subtle ways you can so adore that little one that your whole life revolves around the child. Your mate or date can be given first place in your life and literally idolized. Your work can easily become your god . . . as can some pursuit in life. A house, a lawn, an antique, a car, a letter in sports, an education, a trip abroad, an achievement, and even that goal of "retirement" can so grip your heart that it becomes your Nehushtan.

Don't miss my point. There's nothing necessarily wrong with any of these good things. To possess them—any or all of them—is not sinful. But it is sinful when they possess us! Therein lies the difference. It's that sort of thing that turns a golden dream into a hollow chunk of bronze.

Honestly now . . . can you testify to the fact that you've destroyed the idols? Can you really say you are free from bronze anchors? That Christ reigns without a rival? Or would you have to admit to a

personal shrine in your inner temple where you privately burn incense?

"Where your treasure is," says the Lord, "there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34), and "out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34 NIV). What does that actually mean? What you invest your time and treasure in, what you talk about, what you keep returning to in your mind reveals what's really on your heart. It's just that simple.

Your Lord and Savior wants to occupy first place. Matthew 6:33 says that when He has it, everything else "will be added to you." How long has it been since you've enlisted your Lord's help in a private, personal temple-cleansing session? It's so easy to get attached to idols—good things, inappropriately adored. But when you have Jesus in the center of the room, everything else only junks up the decor.

"He is also head of the body, the church," wrote Paul, "and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything" (Colossians 1:18). Did you get that? First place in everything. Everything!

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Blessings, Pastor Tim
Jer. 29:11 NIV

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

SEPT. 1st - Tom & Donna Evans
2nd - Chris & Kay Deason
4th - Wilton & Tommie Thomas
11th - Larry & Nancy Skaggs
14th - Gary & Wanda Wilson
15th - Dick & Debbie Coburn
18th - Pat & Mae Patterson
19th - Randall & Lisa Stevenson
20th - Greg & Susan Illig
24th - Elmo & Penelope Douglas
27th - Ronald & Lori Clark
29th - George & Cathy Lastinger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 1st - Marilyn Carmichael
1st - Sharon Whitehurst
4th - Linda Willcox
5th - Mark Hilliard
6th - John Siebler
6th - Pat Tipton
6th - Karen Tusing
7th - Avalyn Hunter
7th - Jeannie Preston
8th - Betty Bloodsworth
8th - Mike Ellis
8th - Linda Yates
10th - Wynona Trevarthan
12th - James Thomas
14th - Jean Marshall
14th - Bill Newcomb
14th - Don Piper
15th - Ana Betancourt
15th - Joy Clark

SEPT. 15th - Cathy Lastinger
16th - Voncile Johnsey
18th - Bob White
19th - Gene Carter
20th - Randy Allen
24th - Verdellia Elbon
25th - Kathy Bloodsworth
25th - Juanita Bradley
26th - Debra Baucom
26th - Lollie Friar
26th - Mellie Morris
29th - Lesley Standridge
30th - Kellie Rendek

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 9th – 14th - Fall Trip – Pigeon Forge
APRIL 3rd – 5th, 2017 - Senior Fest
Lake Yale – Watch for More info

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY



Kathy, Don and Betty Ann on the passing of their mother, Janet Beck.

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry, God never blinks.

It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.