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The LORD is my light and my salvation; Psalms 27:1

Reaching the lost at any cost!

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Why Fellowship is Crucial to Your Faith

Is there such a thing as a 'Lone Ranger Christian?'

By: Michael F. Haverluck with Believe.com

Throughout our lives, we're told to rely on ourselves in order to get things done, and that if we rely on others, it denotes a sign of weakness. But what does the Bible have to say about this?

Have you ever heard of a man waging a war by himself ... and if he did, what would the likely outcome be? God gives us a similar message in the Old Testament when it comes to standing strong in our faith.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. — Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

Also, throughout the book of Acts, the Luke reminds us of the necessity of fellowship to live lives fully for Christ. Christians are called to stay ignited together and not cool down by wandering away from meeting with one another.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. — Acts 2:42 (NIV)

Staying in personal prayer with God and reading His Word are essential to keeping one's faith strong, but keeping a line of encouragement and accountability alive with others throughout one's walk is also a crucial aspect that cannot be overlooked or discounted.

Do you find yourself becoming more "self-sufficient" in your Christian walk as you fall

away from church, Bible studies or accountability partners?

In the book of Hebrews, this situation was addressed by the Apostle Paul:

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. — Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

Consider this a warning from Paul against falling away from God. Some consider Christians not engaged in fellowship as "Lone Ranger Christians."

We get the imagery of a soldier charging into spiritual warfare against the enemy without his army of fellow believers behind him. Prayers and accountability from others are indispensable tools for protection, sharpening one's faith and bringing glory to God. Paul doesn't want us to forget this, as so many Christians are inclined to do over time.

God wants us to cast our burdens upon Him and let other believers help carry our heavy loads. In our pride, we might think we can handle things on our own, but recognizing our own weaknesses and insufficiencies is the beginning of a strengthened and invigorated relationship with God.

So, when you walk through your front door this morning, wouldn't be great to have the full arsenal of God at your disposal for the battle ahead, rather than a skeletal trace of do-it-yourself protection?



Pray... with Thanksgiving

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

I've heard a lot of droopy prayers in my life. Hey, I've prayed a lot of them, too.

- Prayers of desperation — God, you've got to help me!
- Prayers of self-pity — God, things are so awful!
- Prayers of resignation — God, if you want to leave me unemployed, then I can't stop you!

But I'm learning how to pray a different kind of prayer — prayer said with thanksgiving. I learned it from St. Paul who, writing from prison, taught me a most powerful lesson. He said, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Strange. Here he is suffering himself, yet he's telling me to pray with

thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is the seasoning that makes our prayers edible to God. After all, who wants to hear people whine all the time? I've learned that you can't whine and give thanks in the same breath. Self-pity and thankfulness don't mix any better than oil and water.

In fact, mixing thanks with prayer somehow changes it. When we remember what God has done for us in the past and think about who he is in the present — and express that in thankfulness — our prayers become more gentle, more trusting somehow. Thankful prayers are offered with faith. And faith is an essential ingredient for prayers that God chooses to answer.

We remember the Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day, not so much for their turkey dinner, but for the sheer faith that inspired them to give thanks in a year that saw nearly half their number die of sickness. Yet they

prayed with thanksgiving.

When your annual day of feasting is over, you may bemoan your extra helpings of dressing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. But if you can hang on to the "thanks" part of Thanksgiving, you'll be a different person. Because when you learn to talk to God about your needs — mixed with a healthy dose of heartfelt thanks — then you have crossed the divide from whining at God to real prayer.

Happy thanks-giving!



..... That the 2nd Sunday of each month is designated

SEED SUNDAY?

Please prepare your hearts prayerfully to give a generous love offering on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Remember.....God loves a cheerful Giver!

II Corinthians 9:7

Yeshains in the Spot Light

BROTHER KEVIN WILLIAMS

Our featured Yeshian of the month is Brother Kevin Williams. Brother Kevin is a very faithful and loyal servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Kev has been a steadfast member of Yesha since June 2010. Brother Kev can be found somewhere in or around the church, always willing to lend a helping hand. You might also find Brother Kev opening the church for morning prayer. He is a member of various ministries including the choir, outreach ministry—assisting in the distribution of clothing and the food bank, videography ministry, and drama ministry.

As you can see, the Lord is truly

using our Brother Kev; and, we thank God for him., his commitment and devotion to Yesha Ministries. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep him.



Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due: custom to whom custom: fear to whom fear: honour to whom honour.

Romans 13:7

Yesha's Food Bank is conducting a can food drive. Please remember to donate can good items to assist this worthy cause. Please see Sister Margaret with you donations and additional questions.

Thanks in advance for your assistance!

November 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTE:  Events at the Hall					1 Prayer – 6 am Prayer – 12 pm	2 Intercessory Prayer 8 am
3 Worship Services 7:30 & 11:15 Sunday School 10 am Dezzie's Experience 2-8 pm	4 Prayer – 6 am Prayer – 12 pm Women's Fellowship 6 pm Men Fellowship 7pm	5 Prayer – 6 am Prayer – 12 pm	6 Prayer – 6 am Prayer – 12 pm Bible Study 7pm	7 Prayer – 6 am Prayer – 12 pm Youth Praise Dance Rehearsal 7 – 8:30 pm	8 Prayer – 6 am Prayer – 12 pm All Night Prayer @ 8pm	9 Intercessory Prayer 8 am RUWACH Women's Service 6pm
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A Testimony

by Rashaun Johnson

At the end of September, I was rushed to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania with a stab wound from a 8-inch knife in my back and breathing complications. After emergency testing, the doctors discovered that I had a collapsed lung and blood in my chest. I had emergency surgery to insert a tube in my chest wall to help drain the blood which was causing intense pain. I was then admitted to the Intensive Care Unit for further care and monitoring.

With tears rolling down my face, I began to ask God "why me?" However, today, I can personally relate to Exodus 15:26 which says—"for I am The Lord that healeth thee." From this experience, I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that my healing is a testimony of the power of God, prayer, and The Lord's will to help me overcome one of life's obstacles!



A special "Thank You" to those who have contributed to the newsletter. We encourage you to share ideas, testimonies accomplishment and/or articles etc. for the newsletter.

Please send them to:

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Or feel free to discuss them with me personally.

Thank you, *Sister Liza*

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

- ◆ **Saturday, December 7th—Prudential Savings Bank Financial Literacy Workshop** @ the Fellowship Hall 12:30 –2:30 pm
- ◆ **Friday, December 13th—Marriage Ministry Event**
@ Resurrection Center, 3301 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. For tickets and questions, please see Minister Liza Craig
- ◆ **Saturday, December 14th—Holiday Praise** hosted by Yesha Ministries and Praise 103.9 @ The Liacouras Center, Temple University. 1776 N. Broad St Philadelphia. For tickets please call 800-298-4200 or online @ Liacourascenter.com
- ◆ **Friday, December 20th—The Youth Ministry Special Outreach Event**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 21st—Yesha Drama Ministry presents The Play "The Road Home"** 6pm at the Church
- ◆ **Sunday, December 22nd—A Special Christmas Program** hosted by the Youth Ministry/Sunday School Department, 3pm

Inspirational Corner

Charles R. Swindoll

In a world consumed with thoughts of itself, filled with people impressed with each other, having disconnected with the only One worthy of praise, it's time we return to Theology 101 and sit silently in His presence. It's time we catch a fresh glimpse of Him who, alone is awesome. He is our infinite, inexhaustible God. Any serious study of Him takes us from an unconscious to conscious awareness of our ignorance. The One we worship defies human analysis.

*Our God is in the heavens;
He does whatever He pleases.*
Psalm 115:3

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Birthday & Anniversary Shout-Outs



A big **Shout-Out** to everyone celebrating a Birthday and/or an Anniversary in October!

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary to you!

May God continued to bless you with His love, joy, peace & happiness!