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(Psalm 68:11)

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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

This is Monday morning, August 22, and I am writing from my motel room in Blue Ash, Ohio. I preached a mission conference this past week in nearby Loveland, Ohio, for Pastor Joel Greer. The meeting was excellent, and I expect to hear good reports about an increase in their mission giving.

I will work here until checkout time and then will meet with Brother Greer for lunch before catching my flight back to Florida. I will have the rest of the week at home and will work on the impossible task of catching up on all of the projects we are currently working on before I drive to Tallahassee on Saturday. There I will preach in a Bible Conference for Pastor Terry Pementor and the Victory Baptist Church.

Since the last newsletter I have had meetings in Arizona, Texas, Florida, and Ohio, and though I can not take the space to give a report on all of my meetings, I am extremely grateful for all of the churches and pastors that have allowed me to preach for them. "Thank you, Pastor, for trusting me with your pulpit."

While I was in Texas, I also had the privilege of visiting Joshua and Caleb Thompson, twin brothers in the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville. These are two of the finest, most dedicated, Christian young men you would ever want to meet. They

are both serving very unjust and unreasonably lengthy prison sentences, but they have made the best of a bad situation and minister to the other inmates and also, at times, to the guards and other prison personnel. Many prisoners have been saved and have been discipled by Josh or Caleb. Some of these have been released and are living for Christ in their communities.

If you have never read the books these two men have written from their prison cells, please go to remembermybonds2.com and click on the *As for GOD, His Way Is Perfect* or *The Embrace of Grace* tab for ordering information.

Lately in my travels, I have become more aware of the need for a vibrant, vocal, vivid, and visible public witness for our Lord. It doesn't matter where the people are; they need the Gospel of Christ. But if we are not careful we will let multitudes of people pass us by who will never get the slightest hint that we are Christians.

Within the last two months I have been in an airport somewhere at least a dozen times and have seen thousands of people from all over the world that I will probably never see again, but I can't remember seeing even one person that showed any hint of being a Christian. I have seen Catholic priests and nuns. I have seen Muslims, Hindus, and Indians. I have from time to time seen Mennonites with beards and hats on the men and the long clothing and head coverings on the ladies. I have seen some people that I wasn't sure what they were, but they all gave testimony with some kind of religious garb or a religious medallion hanging around their neck or a red spot between their eyes that they were not ashamed of their religion.

I have decided that in public, I will do my best to make Christ known. On my last trip out, I didn't hide my Bible in my briefcase. I kept it out in the open, laid it on the ticket counter at the airport as I checked in

and while waiting to board the plane or while in flight, I read several chapters. I just wonder among all of the thousands of people I have passed lately in the airports, how many born again Christians, and even Baptist preachers, were able to hide their Bible and also conceal their identity. Shame on us!

Just the other day at the security check in the Cincinnati airport, the gentleman checking me through said, "How are you today?" In just fifteen seconds my reply was something like, "Great. I used to have it a little tough at times, but since I repented of my sins and trusted Christ as my personal Saviour, I have been one happy camper. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful wife of forty-six years. My three wonderful children and eight grandchildren are all saved and serving the Lord. My bills are all paid, I have some money in my pocket, and I am going to Heaven when I die. God has been good to me. How are you doing?"

We should take every opportunity to put Christ and His salvation in every conversation, and, if necessary, start the conversation. Just yesterday, I witnessed to the cashier at a convenience store. She said "Will you pray for me?" I bowed my head and prayed for her with all of the customers and another clerk looking on. I hope to lead her to Christ in the near future.

Recently we have been swamped with requests for Spanish Bibles. The *Reina Valera Gomez* is becoming more popular all of the time and that is the Spanish version VBP prints. Since we do not charge for them, the requests keep coming in. Be sure to read Brother Al Berg's notes on the next page, and then view the picture of a truckload of paper and read Brother Bill Richburg's note on page four.

Thank you and may God bless your service for Him,

Jim Fellure

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Puzzle:

This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john**-boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his **banjo**. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman **judges** the **job** to be so involving, she **brews** a cup of tea to help calm her **nerves**. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot...that's a **fact**. Some people will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The **truth** is, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them **at the worst**. Something in our **genes** is responsible for the difficulty we have. **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** may help! Books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are **normal**. A **chipper** attitude will help you **com-pete**. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph.

The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Serving the Lord is not always fun, sometimes it can be downright boring, but it is always fulfilling. Unloading the press for two or three hours at a time is not boring to me, but it is to many people. Much of the work in the print shop is tedious, it can make your back or legs hurt and often gets ink on your hands and elbows. So why do we do it? The story I am about to relate does not involve anything we printed at VBP, but it could not have happened if someone did not have a copy of the Scriptures. Just a few weeks ago in Juarez,

In Juarez, Mexico, a soulwinner led an elderly lady in a wheelchair to the Lord Jesus Christ. In two minutes or less that poor woman was shot to death.

The truckload of Bibles we are now printing will be going to Juarez for distribution. Juarez is a very dangerous place to live right now, and many wicked and unrighteous people are creating havoc for anyone just trying to

lead a normal life there, but I am reminded of the verse in Romans 5:20, "...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." In a few days, we will be starting to collate and bind these 25,000 Spanish Bibles that will go to that area. Many of these Bibles will go to those who already know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray that these Christians will be able to read the word of God and get strength to face many of the troublemakers down there and win them to the Lord. A special thanks to the concerned individuals in El Paso who provided the funds for this project.

Hard on the heels of that project is one for Guatemala. Another group has paid for a truckload of paper that will print 25,000+ Bibles for that country. We are going to be busy for several months to come.

If you would like to help us get these projects done, there are three ways you can help. 1. Pray. Pray specifically for me and those that help in the shop that we will do the best job we can with minimal amounts of waste and that the word of God will get to those that need it most. 2. Give. Even though some large amounts of money have been donated for these projects, they do not cover all the expenses. Paper is the biggest expense, and it is paid for, but we also need money for ink, plates, chemicals, cover stock, glue, and boxes to pack them in. We took on these projects with faith that God would supply all these needs to get the job done, and you can have a part in that. 3. Come and help. There are already several groups that have expressed an interest in helping with the collating and binding, but there is room for more. If you would like to bring a group of 1-15 people, let us know, and we will work out the details.

On a personal note, I am writing these notes from a hotel in Powell, TN, after dropping off our daughter at Crown College for another year of Bible school. This is a real answer to prayer. Many of you remember she had to sit out last semester

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due to complications from her Crohn's disease. We dreaded her having to have surgery, but she came through it well and is doing better than she has for quite some time. Her whole personality changed so much following the surgery, I felt guilty as a father, not realizing just how much pain and weakness she had had as a result of her disease. She still needs your prayers, since the surgery was not a cure; it only took out the affected area of the colon. The doctor told us people often go into remission after a surgery like that, but there was no guarantee. The pain and suffering were not wasted on her though. She has become the most spiritually-minded member of our family, and I believe this is, at least in part, because of her trouble. Please pray that God will continue to lead her, and all of us, all the days of our lives.

God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

SPECIAL MEETING At Pell City, Alabama, October 11-14

Dr. M. H. Tabb, pastor of Gulf Coast Baptist Church of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, will host the first "God and Country Pastors' School at the Faith Baptist Church campground in Pell City, Alabama, Monday evening through Thursday evening, October 11-14, 2010. The camp cost will be \$75 per person, or \$125 per couple. Guest teachers and preachers will include Bro. Allen Jones, Bro. Billy Allison, Bro. David Wood, Bro. Mark McGaughey, Bro. Joe Davis, and Bro. Charles Andrews. This is a SCHOOL, with classes in the mornings pertinent to the ministry and preaching at night. For more information contact Dr. Tabb at 850-936-0482 or tabb15@mchsi.com

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The Fullers became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in 2002. Brother Fuller attended Tabernacle Baptist College of Greenville, SC, and was on staff there under Dr. Harold Sightler. He also served as an assistant pastor and youth director, and pastored for twelve years.


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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September of 2010. After pastoring two churches for a total of twenty-four years and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for scripture printing became so real to Bro. Dunn and his wife Emma, that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.



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By the time you read these words, the above load of paper will have already been printed into Spanish Bibles for Mexico. The next two truckloads will be printed into 50,000 Bibles for missionaries in Guatemala and Peru.

Millions of souls in these South and Central American countries are still waiting to hear the Gospel of Christ for the first time. By printing entire truckloads of paper at a time, VBP can print and ship whole Spanish Bibles to these countries at a cost of only \$2.00 each.

Currently, we need another \$70,000 to complete these next two projects. This amount includes the paper, the printing expense, and the shipping. Would you prayerfully consider helping us get these much needed Bibles printed and shipped to the mission field?

For information on how you can help or to schedule a VBP field rep. to come to your church and present the ministry, contact me at 864-506-2380.

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In Christ,
 Bill Richburg

"Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist."

—Oswald J Smith



Blessings & Benefits Mrs. Pam Leake

What He Has Done Before, He Can Do Again!

If you are a parent (grandparent), you will likely remember times of play with your children or grandchildren when you heard, "Do it again!" as they pleaded with you to repeat something that brought them pleasure. I recall our daughter, when she was small, gleefully running and jumping into her daddy's arms so he could swing her around in a circle until she was dizzy. As soon as she recovered from the dizziness, she would shout, "Do it again, Daddy, do it again!" Our grandsons have done the same many times as well. The joy and excitement of the moment was something they wanted to experience again and again. And being the loving grandparents that we are, we would gladly repeat the action because we love them and just to enjoy their response.

As a child of God, I've been like that with the Lord, wanting Him to repeat something - a blessing, a special presence in my life, or a restoration of joy and close fellowship, just so I could experience it again. "Do it again, Lord; do it again!" The Lord is faithful and He has done many things for me again and again, and I have been able to enjoy such repeated blessings. But I'm also thankful for the fact that He will repeat other things, because He loves me. His mercy and forgiveness when I fail Him is bestowed time and time again and I can count on it for His word says "the Lord's mercies are new every morning" (Lam. 3:22, 23). His promise to forgive our sins if we confess them (1 Jn. 1:9) is not just a one time deal; He will keep on forgiving as I confess them to Him.

His promise to supply my needs is perpetual (Phil. 4:19). I know that as He supplied manna for the Israelites in the wilderness (doing it again, each day except the Sabbath, for 40 years), I can surely count on Him to give me my daily bread. As a loving Potter with a lump of clay that He is shaping, I know that if this vessel is marred in His hand, He will make "it again another vessel." He doesn't stop working when the clay is first marred. And if there's work yet to be done in my life to make me more like Him, He'll do that work again and again, "being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

What a loving heavenly Father we have who will "do it again" in response to His children. He loves to bless and He loves to accomplish His will in our lives. And I find comfort and peace in knowing that He's the same yesterday, today and forever, and what He's done before, He can do again!

NOTE: Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. You may email her at: pamleake@colonialbaptist-cville.org.

BORROWED ILLUSTRATIONS

What Socialism Can Do

President Ronald Reagan told how we could match Russia's record after its more than half a century of socialism:

"We'd have to cut our paychecks by more than 80 percent; move 33 million workers back to the farm; destroy 59 million television sets; tear up fourteen of every fifteen miles of highway; junk nineteen of every twenty cars; tear up two-thirds of our railroad track; knock down 70 percent of our houses; and rip out nine of every ten telephones. Then all we have to do is find a capitalist country to sell us wheat on credit to keep us from starving."

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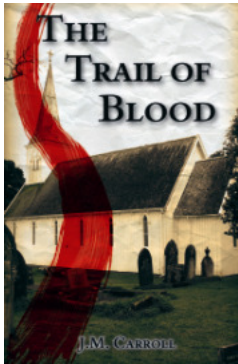
A little nine-year-old girl, after hearing a political speech asked her mother, "Are we Christians or Democrats?"

"I met a young man not long ago who dives for exotic fish for aquariums. He said one of the most popular aquarium fish is the shark. He explained that if you catch a small shark and confine it, it will stay a size proportionate to the aquarium. Sharks can be six inches long yet fully matured. But if you turn them loose in the ocean, they grow to their normal length of eight feet. That also happens to some Christians. I've seen the cutest little six-inch Christians who swim around in a little puddle. But if you put them into a larger arena--into the whole creation--only then can they become great."

-Charles Spurgeon

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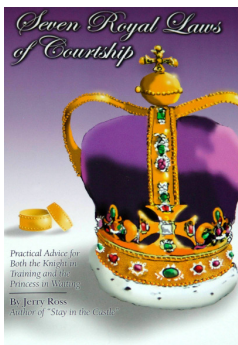
by J. M. Carroll

Since the first printing of this little book in 1931, there have been hundreds of thousands of copies produced and circulated around the world. Without a doubt, this has become the most popular, concise, yet thorough, and accurate, history of the Baptist Church ever produced. Victory Baptist Press is honored to help continue the propagation of the message found within the

pages of this great book by printing this edition with a larger, sharp crisp font for easy reading, and a new and hopefully enhanced format.

With the exception of a few grammar or spelling changes the text remains the same as when the author first wrote it.

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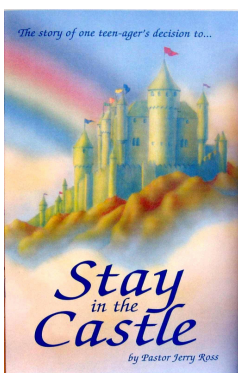


Seven Royal Laws of Courtship

by Jerry Ross.

This is practical advice for both the Knight in Training and the Princess in Waiting. This book is by the author of *Stay in the Castle*, and where *Stay in the Castle* offers inspiration, this booklet humbly offers instruction.

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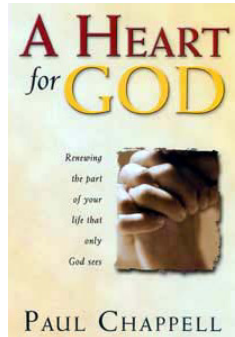


Stay in the Castle

by Jerry Ross.

One young lady's true story of her decision to stay in the castle and wait for her prince. This is a book that every teenage girl should read.

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A Heart for GOD

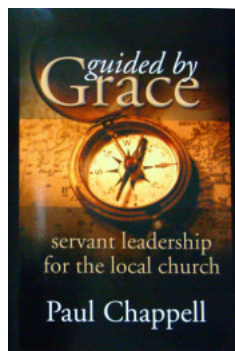
Renewing the part of your life that only God sees

by Paul Chappell.

In this high-pressure society it is easy to lose focus and fall into a routine. When the intimate relationship with Christ is lost, it is impossible to maintain the joy, peace, and happiness that abound in service done with a true heart for God. Get them back! Each

chapter of *A Heart for God* explodes with biblical truth giving you the courage, desire, and means to identify and develop a heart for God.

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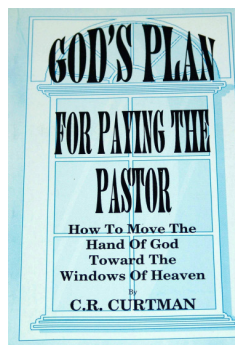
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by Paul Chappell.

Leadership failures from within and without the church have hurt the credibility of leaders everywhere. In addition to this, leadership philosophies in today's culture are often skewed and unbiblical, and local church leadership positions are sometimes abused. This book is a call to the heart. It's

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212 pages. Hdbk. **\$13.50**



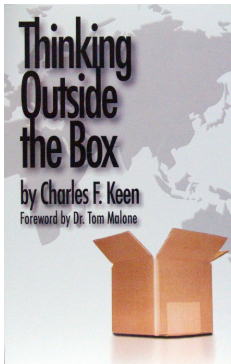
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by C. R. Curtman

How to move the hand of God toward the windows of Heaven.

When churches practice the principle of "double honor" toward deserving pastors they find the hand of God marvelously moved to open the windows of heaven's blessings on their behalf.

74 pages. **\$7.00**

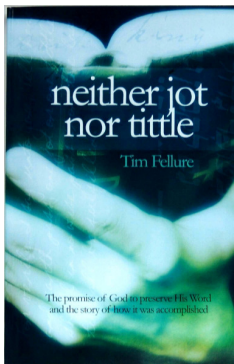


Thinking Outside the Box

by Charles F. Keen.

Are we willing to venture outside of our comfort zone of accepted and present practices in our global approach? Dr. Tom Malone, Sr. said, "This book has had a tremendous impact on my view of missions. It has helped me to come to a better view of the world: a world view from the heart."

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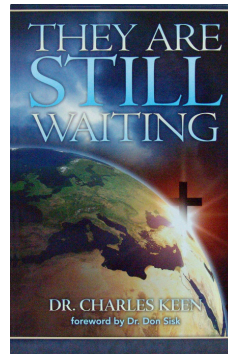


neither jot nor tittle

by Tim Felleure.

Now more than ever, there is a need for fundamentalists to arise and defend the authority and integrity of the Scriptures. The issue must be kept in the forefront, the facts must be presented clearly and forcefully, the heresy of modern versions must be exposed, and the critic must be silenced. The battle for the Bible rages on. *neither jot nor tittle* is the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.

191 pages. **\$12.00**

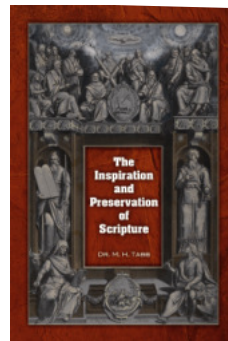


They Are Still Waiting

by Dr. Charles Keen.

This great book of fourteen sermons is chock full of encouragement to give our lives to the Great Commission. Dr. Don Sisk says, "Since pastors need to preach on missions and...missionaries should major on preaching about missions when they are in mission conferences, or doing their deputation or furlough, this book could be a great resource for sermons."

141 pages. **\$12.00**



The Inspiration and Preservation of Scripture

by Dr. M. H. Tabb.

Not only do new Christians have no real knowledge of the Bible translation issue, but each upcoming generation of professing Christians brings its own attacks against the infallibility of Scripture. Therefore, each new generation needs to be taught the error of these attacks, and the fact that God's people do still have God's genuine Word.

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*Pastor Tim Fellure***With Friends Like These**

II Samuel 13 - 18 are the saddest chapters in David's life. The fourfold judgment of God on his sin with Bathsheba is realized in these chapters as David's home and kingdom fall apart. One tragedy after another leaves David weeping, mourning the great price he has had to pay for his sin. Read through the chapters and note the sadness (13:36,37; 15:23,30; 18:33, 19:1).

Absalom gathers a contingency of men and starts for the palace, intent on overthrowing his own father and setting himself up as the king. David's choices are to stay and fight his own son – a fight he would surely win, though it would mean Absalom would be killed – or run and avoid the fight. He chose to run! He is again a fugitive king, hiding in the wilderness from a jealous man who seeks to kill him. And it is in this setting that a number of men come into David's life. Names you may or may not be familiar with such as: Ittai, Hushai, Ahithophel, Barzillai, Shemei, and Zadok.

These are David's friends. One of the fundamental needs that we all share is the need for friendship. No matter your personality (or lack of), God built in you a desire for companionship. Every man needs good friends, and the more the better.

1) David's Heartfelt Friend!

15:18-22 – We don't know much about Ittai, the Gittite (this is his first mention in Scripture), but it is noteworthy that when the chips were down and David had seemingly lost it all, Ittai was the first man who came to David and cast his lot with him. David knew that Ittai didn't owe him anything and he tried to get Ittai to go back. He

wanted to spare Ittai the hardships and possible death that being associated with David could bring, but Ittai demonstrated the character of a true friend – "...As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be."

That preaches a sermon to my heart. David was the rejected king, replaced by a usurper and betrayed by those who had served him. It reminds me of our Saviour who is rejected by this world and often betrayed by those who claim to love Him. But I want to be Ittai: to be my Lord's friend when it is not popular. Ittai didn't make this pledge when David was on his throne; Ittai made this pledge when David was on the run. And may God help each of us to live with that kind of loyalty to Christ.

2) David's Holy Friends!

15:23-29 – Zadok and Abiathar were priests who, when they heard David had fled, carried the Ark of the Covenant out to where David was. David asked Zadok and Abiathar to go back to Jerusalem and be his spies. They would serve him better there than running around the wilderness with him. And so, though they would have preferred to be with David, and it was greater risk to be in Jerusalem, they returned to be the eyes and ears of David in that city.

They knew David had sinned but that he also was God's king. They may not have agreed with David, but they were not going to reject him because they disagreed with him. A true friend won't condone you in your sin, but he won't kick you while you're down. A true friend will stick his neck out for you. He will be there when others turn and walk away. They may get hurt by being on your side, but when it gets real bad you can count on them being right there beside you.

3) David's Heroic Friend!

15:30-37 – Hushai was an older man who was brokenhearted over what had transpired. He came to David in the wilderness, but David knew he couldn't handle the wilderness environment like the young men could and that he would be a burden in this situation.

Ahithophel, who had been one of David's counselors, had sided with Absalom and that was of great concern to David. So David sent Hushai back to get in with Absalom and refute the counsel of Ahithophel. David was essentially asking Hushai to lay his life on the line for him, because if he was ever exposed as a spy, he would be killed. But the elderly and wise Hushai went back to Jerusalem, and God used him to thwart the plans of the enemy.

4) David's Humble Friends!

17:14-20 – Absalom was making battle plans to go after David, and Ahithophel had encouraged him to take 12,000 men to pursue him. Hushai was asked his opinion, and he gave counsel that confounded the counsel of Ahithophel. Hushai then sent word to Zadok and Abiathar, and the two priests dispatched the sons of Zadok to bring the message to David.

With Absalom's men hot on their heels, we read that they were helped along by a peasant girl and an anonymous country couple. These are three friends of David, and we don't even know their names. But a true friend is fine with that. He's not in it for recognition or reward. A true friend is all about you, not about himself.

5) David's Helpful Friends!

17:27-29 – Here are three men who came to David in the wilderness with much needed supplies. Shobi was an Ammonite, and the son of a very cruel man, but he had become an ally of David. Machir was the man who was giving housing to Mephibosheth in Lodebar when David sent for him. Hospitality was just in his blood. He was kind to a cripple, and now he was kind to a fugitive king. Barzillai was an old man but loyalty was in his blood, too. He was eighty years old and wealthy, but he made the hard trip and gave generously to a friend in need.

A true friend is someone who gives without being asked and expects nothing in return. There was no hidden agenda here. These men were not seeking promotions or hedging their bets in case David won the battle. They did what they did simply because they loved David. No price was too high and no inconvenience was too great for their friendship.