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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

In the past couple of years, I have observed our shop workers and field reps proving themselves by faithfully working through every tough situation they encountered. There have been lightning strikes, broken equipment, computer glitches, Internet failures, phone service interruptions, astronomical inflation, criticism by disgruntled brethren, cancelled meetings, health issues, and some loss of support, but I can report that not one of the workers has expressed any discouragement or lack of confidence in doing what God has called them to do. Our workers continue to be very passionate and persistent in the work.

Babe Ruth, at one time, was known in baseball as the "strike out king," but very little attention is given to his strike out history, because in 1927 he hit 60 home runs in one season, a world record that was not broken for sixty-four years. Babe Ruth recorded 714 home runs in his career.

It's reported that someone once said to Thomas Edison, "You have failed ten-thousand times." Edison replied, "No, I have not failed ten-thousand times; I have discovered ten-thousand things that don't work." Thomas Edison only got three months of formal education because his teacher thought he was "addled." He was home-schooled by his mother, but the lack of formal education didn't stop Edison. Among other things, he developed the light bulb, phonograph, stock ticker, mechanical vote recorder, and a battery for an electric car, and he recorded music and motion pictures. When Edison died in 1931, at the age of eighty-four, he had 1,093 U.S. patents in his name, as well as many patents in the

United Kingdom, France and Germany.

The story has been told that D.L. Moody, noticing an absentee from Sunday School coming down the street, he took off after her. She ran down the sidewalk, across the street, and through an alley into a saloon, up the stairs to a back apartment, into the bedroom, and then dove under the bed. When he had just about reached her, the girl's mother showed up. Moody simply explained, "I'm Moody." He said that he had missed having the girl in church and would be happy if all the family could come to the services. Within a few weeks, he had every child in the family in his school.

Thousands of other success stories could be told about those who accomplished great things because they were passionate and persistent.

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence:

Talent will not: Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not: Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not: The world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are important.

At VBP, we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the year 2013, so we can put this very trying year of 2012 behind us and move on to what we believe will be one of the most successful years we have ever had. All the equipment is in place and the needed supplies to print the Scriptures are already in the shop. The requests for Scripture are overwhelming, and with the blessings of our Lord on the ministry, we are ready to hit the ground running.

In the last issue of this newsletter, I promised a report on the inserted fundraising letter. Some have already responded with a promise of regular support, and others have sent a one-time special offering. Thank you for your help in printing and shipping Scriptures to the mission field of the world. Please pray that many others will take the challenge and get under the burden with us as we strive to do all that we can in the service of the Lord in these last days.

In Christ,
Jim Fellure

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The 17th century Scottish theologian Samuel Rutherford gave this triumphant testimony before he stepped into eternity:

"Mine eye shall see my Redeemer. He has pardoned, loved, and washed me, and given me joy unspeakable and full of glory. Glory shines in Immanuel's land!"

The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the year 2012 already! In some ways, this has been a trying year, but this being Thanksgiving month, I wanted to share with you just a few of the blessings we have enjoyed this past year.

All the promises of God are still true. In my personal Bible reading lately, I have been reading about the children of Israel's escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the desert. No matter what they did, good or bad, it did not change any of the promises that God gave to Abraham, Isaac or Jacob, especially concerning the possession of the Promised Land. Just before Moses died, God reminded him that the people were about to cross over Jordan and take the land, not because of any good thing they had done, but because God had

promised that He would do it, and He would do it for His name's sake, not theirs. Many years ago, I repented of my sins and put my trust in the shed blood of Jesus Christ for my eternal salvation. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then, but I know that my Promised Land is to be with my Lord forever, not because of my goodness, but because of His!

My daughter, Sarah, has graduated from Crown College in Knoxville, Tennessee. It took five years to do it because of some serious health issues, but God has provided all the needs for school and medical bills. She was even able to spend her last semester in England and minister and study there. She is now living at home again and helps in the print shop.

My son, Albert Timothy (we have called him Timothy from birth, but most people know him as Al) and his wife Ashley have given us our first grandson, Albert Joseph (named after me), who will go by AJ to avoid confusion.

In July, I had what might be considered an elective surgery, but I think it was necessary, and the surgeon told me things would have only gotten worse if I had continued to put it off. It was very painful (I was warned), but the pain is now just a memory.

In the shop, we have acquired several new pieces of equipment that will help mostly with the quality of our work. We now have an image setter, which allows us to

make cleaner, crisper negatives for the Bibles and also allows us to do four-color work. We also have a small, true two-color press to do shorter runs of color work like book covers and prayer cards. I am still honing my skills in running it before we do this newsletter on it, but that should be coming soon. In the bindery department, we have a new delivery system for the books as they come off the glue binder. It is difficult to describe without a picture, especially if you are not familiar with glue binders, but what it does is deliver the freshly glued books without distorting the spine. The old system would cause the spine to not be square. We tried many modifications before ordering the new system.

As I am writing this, my wife is packing for a trip to the Chicago area to see her mother and some of our family. When we get back, I will print this newsletter and get it in the mail and then start printing a truck-load of Bibles, with a few thousand bilingual Spanish/English, John and Romans. That is the part of the ministry that I truly love . . . getting the word of God to people who do not have it.

The list could go on, but those are the highlights of my year. I trust that God has showered you with many blessings this past year, as well.

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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September 2010.

After pastoring two churches for a total of 24 years and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for Scripture printing became so real to Brother Dunn and his wife Emma that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.



BRO. BOB SCHMIDT AND HIS WIFE, LEONOR, ARE TRAVEL AGENTS AND DO THEIR BEST TO GET THE BEST FLIGHT RATES AVAILABLE FOR THE BRETHREN. BROTHER BOB SAYS THEY CAN DO ESPECIALLY WELL WITH OVERSEAS FLIGHTS.

One good thing about getting old
is that you can sing in the bathroom
while brushing your teeth.

Borrowed Illustrations

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Shivers by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all the places are taken.

I was restless at first, because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, chickens to feed, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

All men got to shave, but it is not so bad. There's warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, grits, fried eggplant and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route marches," which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags a lot. The captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

The next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that old bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordon from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6' 8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,
Alice



Mrs. Pam Leake

“I will feed my flock...”

Ezekiel 34:15

Imagine you are facing a table laden with the most delicious foods to be found anywhere. As you glance around, you spy a setting with a name card on it, and it's yours! Your mouth waters at the thought of indulging in the scrumptious meal, and you are filled with thankfulness for whomever has prepared this feast.

I remember, as a little girl, when it was suppertime, my mother would call me from my play to come and eat. She prepared simple fare, but it was always good and filling. Mom's meals needed no fancy touches to make them appealing to me, my father, and my two brothers. We were hungry and we ate and were filled! On occasion, Mom prepared some special delicacies, such as her homemade butter-scotch pie or a cake slathered with rich, chocolate icing. Just knowing that there was going to be a special treat served enticed us to be on time for supper.

The physical satisfaction that is experienced from a delicious meal cannot be supplied by anything other than physical food, and I thank the Lord for His bountiful provision to sustain me. If I made it habit to miss meals or consistently refused to eat, I would soon suffer the consequences of denying my body the nourishment it needs to survive and function. However, I would have

no one to blame but myself for not having taken advantage of what was provided.

The Lord, however, is not only the provider of my physical food, but He constantly sets before me a table of spiritual food, available for me to come and partake. Just last week I enjoyed His rich blessings of special treats every day, provided in the messages preached in our Jubilee and then in the Couples' Prayer Advance, which my husband and I attended. It was as if the Lord said, “Come, taste and enjoy these wonderful meals I have prepared for you.” How delicious, satisfying and strengthening to my soul!

I'm afraid that all too often we ignore the Lord's call to come and dine, being too busy or too “full” of what we've fed on from the world's table. Perhaps we just don't like what He has placed before us. But oh, what a smorgasbord of delicious, spiritual food He assembles! There is not only the vital, life-sustaining fare of daily reading the of the Scriptures, but also the rich extras such as preaching, teaching, Bible studies, books, and music, and the special servings of revivals, conferences, retreats and other opportunities to feast on His Word. There's no excuse for anyone to have a malnourished soul with all that the Lord sets before us. We just need to partake and enjoy.

No doubt I have missed some choice meals that my Lord prepared for me, and I missed the blessings too. The Master has given the invitation to come and dine, and His table is spread with tasty morsels of life-giving wisdom, encouragement, instruction, promises and hope, available for all who will come. When He calls, do we respond and take advantage of the spiritual bounty set before us? Lord, I thank You that You have invited me to Your table; help me not to be finicky and help my appetite to increase!

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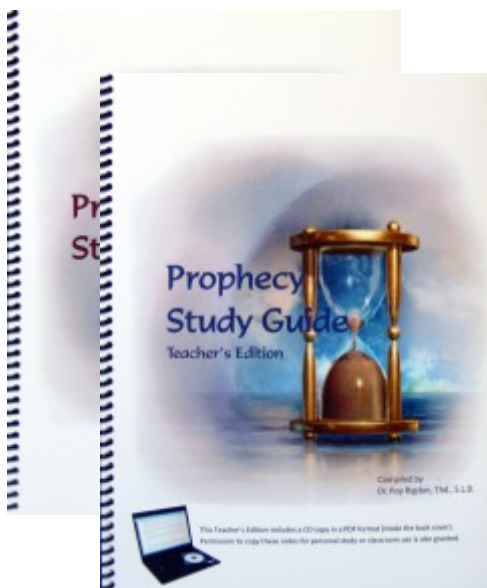
(Hebrews 13:1).

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-DL Moody

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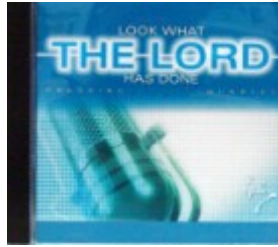


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Pastor Tim Fellure

The Maniac Who Became a Missionary

Mark 5:1–20

Mark 5 has often been called the chapter of incurables because of three seemingly hopeless situations Jesus faced there: a demon-possessed maniac, a woman with an incurable disease, and a little girl on her death-bed. In our society, the demon-possessed man would have been committed to an insane asylum, the woman with the issue of blood would have been carried to the hospital, and Jairus' daughter who had died from a mysterious illness would have been taken to the cemetery for burial.

But what society cannot do, Jesus can. Each desperate situation becomes a backdrop for a mighty demonstration of the power of Christ. To the demon-possessed man, Jesus became the **Great Psychiatrist** and delivered him from the oppression and tyranny of Satan. To the woman with the issue of blood, Jesus became the **Great Physician** and cured a disease the best doctors had all given up on. To the damsel who lay dead, Jesus became the **Great Pediatrician** and raised her up to live again. Whether demons, disease or death, Jesus has conquered them all and demonstrates in this great chapter that He is the answer for whatever is wrong in your life.

1) The Spirits Who Ruled The Man!

Jesus and disciples had escaped the crowds following them by crossing the Sea of Galilee. When they came into the country of Gadara they were immediately met by a man who can be described only

as a maniac. His body had been taken over by demons; his thoughts and behaviors were all controlled by those demons inside him.

His **defilement** is seen in that he was "a man with an unclean spirit." The most vile creatures possible had entered him and were tormenting him. There was no human explanation for the evil they caused this man to commit.

His **depravity** is represented by two words that factored heavily in this man's world: cemeteries and chains. He dwelt among tombs and chains that could not bind the demons inside him. There was no restraining the corrupting influence in this man's life.

His **desperation** is seen by his crying and cutting himself. Here is a man who has been completely taken over and was at the mercy of Satan. He didn't have the power to free himself of one demon, much less of 2,000.

2) The Savior Who Rescued the Maniac!

When Jesus pulled up to the shore, the demoniac came running out to chase him away. The demons inside him recognized the stranger on the shore of Galilee and immediately went into panic mode. They began to beg Jesus to not cast them into the fires of hell. They knew that Jesus would one day be their executioner, and they begged that it not happen today.

With a simple word, Jesus commanded the demons to come out of the man. His mental condition was healed, and there would be no more crying at night. His physical condition was remedied, and there would be no more cutting himself with stones. His social condition was taken care of, and he could go home and restore broken relationships. And his spiritual need was met, for no man's life is ever the same once he has met Jesus.

3) The Society Who Rejected the Master!

When the townspeople came to see what all the commotion was about, they found a maniac now in his right mind, obviously delivered from what had tormented him. Their reaction to the miracle was shocking: instead of rejoicing at the man's healing, they got upset at Jesus and asked him to leave their region.

Our initial thought is that they were upset at losing the swine, but the text doesn't give any indication that was their problem. You can make some good preaching out of them preferring pigs over people, but the Scripture doesn't say that. Luke 8:37 gives the reason for their reaction as fear—"they were taken with great fear."

Why did they reject Christ? I believe it was simply because of their sin. This story demonstrates the power of Satan, the power of the Savior and the power of sin. They saw Jesus as a greater danger than the maniac. These townspeople were just like Israel rejecting Christ. They weren't asking Jesus to go away because he had messed with their economy; they were afraid He would mess with their sin.

4) The Saint Who Represented the Messiah!

The Bible doesn't say this man got saved or that Jesus forgave him of his sins; however, the drastic change in his life and Jesus' commission to him represents what happens when a person gets saved. Since there were no other Christians in the area, this man decided he would go with Jesus. If the townspeople didn't want anything to do with Jesus, then this man wouldn't want anything to do with them.

And Jesus told him no! Instead of allowing this man to follow him around the countryside, Jesus sent him home to those same people who had just rejected him to be a witness of the power of Christ in his life. The mission Jesus gave to the maniac was to "tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath compassion on thee." There are five places in the gospels where Jesus visited only once, and one of those places was Gadara. Jesus would never go back to that place. That was the first and final time they would ever see a demonstration of his power. But Jesus did leave them a witness. He sent a delivered man back into their midst to tell them of the delivering power of Christ. A maniac became the first Gentile missionary!

And isn't that what Jesus has done with you and me? My personal preference would be to just go be with Jesus, but He has sent us into a world that rejects Him to be a witness of His power over sin. He's still turning maniacs into missionaries.