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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Dear friends,

In the last few months, it has been my privilege to either preach at, or just attend some of the best mission conferences that I have ever been in and to hear some of the best preaching that can be imagined. All of these good churches de-emphasize the crowd-pleasing preaching used in order to get a crowd or to keep a crowd once you get them, and yet, these churches where the pulpits are red

hot have good crowds they didn't get by compromising the truth. These churches are also being used of God in a great way, by giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to send the Gospel around the world.

I recently read Benjamin Franklin's assessment of George Whitfield, who was used by God to bring about the Great Awakening in the 1700s. Franklin said when Whitfield preached he verbally abused the people by telling them they were by nature half animal and half devil, but he went on to say the people loved Whitfield, and after hearing him preach, their manners were so changed that one could hardly walk down the lane without hearing people singing psalms. Franklin said, "It seemed like the whole world was becoming religious."

God has always honored straightforward, fearless, Spirit-filled Bible preaching that reproves and rebukes, as well as exhorts, and leaves the results with God. My advice to any young preacher who feels God has called him to preach is to get under a pastor who preaches, rather than one who gives motivational speeches. Learn to preach from that old-school man of God rather than sitting under some professor in a college classroom who can't preach himself, but tries to tell you how to do it.

The Butterfly Effect

(The concept that small causes can have large effects)

One meteorologist believed a butterfly could flap its wings in Brazil and start a tornado in Texas, or fly over a flower in China and start a hurricane in the Caribbean Sea. I don't know enough about weather patterns to make an intelligent comment, but I do know that Hurricane Michael, which recently made landfall on the Florida Panhandle, was started by a little, gentle breeze that at first was so small even a radar screen couldn't find it. Is it possible that a little butterfly flapped its wings a few times on a Caribbean island and caused that monstrous storm?

None of us have the answer to that question, but in those kinds of situations, we can see an illustration of how God works in our lives and ministries. For example, Evangelist Dan Meaders once preached a very challenging message entitled "You Don't Know

What You Are Doing," gleaned from the thought that those who helped Paul escape and saved his life by letting him through a window and over the wall at Damascus in a basket didn't realize what was in that basket. This one simple act of kindness toward this one whom God would use in the near future to write over half the New Testament and start churches all over Asia Minor, made those unnamed servants who "held the ropes," partakers of the ministry of the greatest missionary that ever lived.

Another illustration comes from a chapel speaker in 1980 at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A young student who was in that service doesn't remember who the guest speaker for that day was, but he does remember three words—"churches printing Scriptures" spoken by that preacher. At that moment, a burden for Scripture printing was born in the heart of Al Berg, who knew nothing about printing presses.

We can now fast-forward and report that Bro. Berg has been with Victory Baptist Press for thirty-four years and has printed millions of Bibles and Bible portions for mission fields around the world. Just in the last three weeks, Bro. Berg has printed 1,085,000 scripture cards in eight languages, with a picture of the cross over a pit of fire on the front side and fourteen salvation verses on the back side. These will be used by missionary Tony Stark in Rwanda and three other African countries. Thank God for the preacher who said, "churches printing Scriptures" back in 1980.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

Even though Bro. Berg is our main pressman, my grandson Jacob, Evangelist Jason Kendrick's daughter Grace, and Bro. Berg's daughter, Sarah, help keep the shop operating smoothly. None of the staff would ever say it about themselves, but Proverbs 27:2 does say, "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth," so I will say it for them—we are privileged to have the most godly, capable, and dedicated people that you could ever find keeping the print shop operating, and the field reps are all faithful members of Victory Baptist Church, with godly, modest, and discreet wives by their sides, serving Christ together in perfect harmony. They are some of the best of the best.

If you are a pastor and would like to have one of the field reps present VBP to your church, contact Bro. Bill Richburg at 864-506-2380, Bro. Shawn Dunn at 765-580-2196, or Bro. Tony Smith at 850-714-1262. Bro. Jason Kendrick (a full-time evangelist) also represents VBP—you can reach him at 850-261-5260. Bro. Gary Schwer has his ministry of Hands Across the Border. When he has meetings in the states, he too represents VBP—Bro. Schwer can be reached at 480-415-1688.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Jim Fellure

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters, Victory Baptist Press is a faith ministry. God provides the needed money to operate our ministry, and while that is certainly a big part of it, that is not where faith ends. By faith we print the Word of God and send it to the mission field, believing it will be effective there. This is not unlike sowing any crop. Seeds are sown in the ground with a reasonable expectation of a crop. If you grow a garden, you know

sowing the seed is not a guarantee; there are many things that can go wrong. The same is true in the spiritual realm. Much prayer and work must be done to ensure a good crop, and much prayer and wisdom is needed before we decide whether to take on a project or not. God knows where the seed will bring forth the most fruit, and we need to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Ghost in those things.

In the last couple *Newsletters*, we have been telling you about our “new” (to us anyway) four-color press and its problems. By the grace of God and your prayers and a little perseverance, it is finally operational. I have been using it on a good project to get familiar with it. We have printed over one million cards with the somewhat famous depiction of the two paths talked about in Scripture—the broad way that leads to Hell and destruction, and the strait and narrow way that leads to a bridge in the form of the Cross that brings the saved into the celestial city (pictured below). On the back side, there are 14 Scripture verses telling people how to avoid the path to destruction

and pointing them to the strait and narrow way. There will be cards in eight different languages. These will be shipped to Uganda, Africa, and to several countries in east Africa after that. It was a great joy for me to finally get a good product after so long a struggle. To God be the glory! I truly attribute it to answered prayer. I cannot say one final adjustment did the trick. One day it did not work, and after asking the church to pray for success, then it did. I had already been praying for some time about it, so it must have been someone else who broke through to Heaven. I thank all of you who have prayed for me over the years. I was getting rather discouraged over this problem.

Soon we should start printing Spanish Bibles again. We have had the paper for a few months, but my time has been consumed with the four-color press. I am looking forward to running the web press again, especially since we have just had all of the rubber rollers recovered, and they are installed and ready to go. Offset printing is an ongoing learning experience, and now that I have a few years experience under my belt, I feel we will be able to make the best-looking product yet on this next run. We are hoping to buy another truckload of paper soon so we can run a double batch of Bibles, which will save some time and money in the long run. One run will be going to Don Rich in Peru, and the other will be split up between Paraguay and Mexico. The economy may be doing better, but the prices of paper and other materials keep going up, so please keep us in your prayers.

Once again, with all sincerity, thanks to all who have prayed and/or given to this ministry over the years.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg





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Proverbs 30:26—"The conies [Fellure's] are *but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks."

The butterfly effect, where one little decision has far-reaching effects, reminds me of just two little words Mary and I said at the wedding altar on July 25, 1964. We didn't know what we were doing when we said "I DO!" That simple union of two people becoming one flesh is now, fifty-four years later, a family of eighteen people consisting of four generations of Fellures—three of us are Baptist preachers, and Anthony James, just a few weeks old now, will hopefully come to know Christ at an early age and serve God all the days of his life.



Four generations of Fellure's

Anthony James, Jacob & Anna, Tim & Jennifer, Jim & Mary.

Jacob and Anna's beautiful little daughter, Jael, is missing from the picture, but she is also a Fellure.

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Evangelist Jason Kendrick and his wife Jody have been traveling in evangelism for more than twenty years. They now also represent VBP as they travel throughout the US holding revival meetings.

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Brother Tony pastored for 24 years and taught at three Bible colleges. During the summer they traveled to recruit young men and ladies for college. Now they are traveling full-time for VBP as field representatives.

Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

The Fellowship of the Saints

Many years ago when I started writing this column for the VBP newsletter, I entitled it “Benefits and Blessings” with the thought of sharing real life vignettes that would illustrate a blessing or benefit that we enjoy from the Lord. There is no limit to the blessings and benefits that we receive from our heavenly Father, who delights in pouring out His love

upon His children in both tangible and intangible ways.

I began thinking about a blessing that we, as Christians, enjoy here in this life that those outside the body of Christ really cannot experience in the way that we do—and that blessing is *fellowship* with other saints. It does not matter whether the fellowship occurs in your local church family, or whether you find yourself among strangers. If you meet a brother or sister in Christ, even if you have never met before, you can have fellowship because of the bond that unites you in Christ. Oh, to be sure, there are certain issues and preferences that can be sources of contention or disagreement, but when you get right down to it, the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts (Romans 5:5) can be accessed to show love to others that are in God’s family. And the fellowship this allows is a blessing we often take for granted.

Each year, for the past fifteen years, we have had a fall Jubilee at our church, where guest preachers come to speak and other preachers and friends travel in to attend the services. In some cases, the same people have come several years in succession, and what a joy it is to see them and have fellowship even if it is only

once a year that we meet. In other cases, it has been our pleasure to meet new brothers and sisters with whom we can have sweet fellowship because of the bond of Christ.

Let me tell you about three dear ladies who illustrate the blessing and benefit of the fellowship of the saints. Shirley K. is the wife of a pastor friend of my husband’s who attended the Jubilee many years in a row. One year Shirley K. met Shirley M., the wife of a missionary who attended the meeting as well. That same year, Shirley and Shirley met Priscilla, the wife of our guest evangelist for the Jubilee. There were several things these three had in common, but the greatest commonality was that they were Christians and they were in the ministry. The three days that they spent together in the services afforded them the opportunity to get to know one another better and also to develop friendships that have only grown deeper over the years. Due to health problems, this year Shirley K. was unable to attend, but I learned from Shirley M. that they maintain regular contact through phone calls and mail, encouraging one another, bearing one another’s burdens, and even sharing craft ideas as they continue the friendship that began several years ago. When the inevitable trials come, these three ladies have a bond with each other, drawing strength from their shared fellowship in Christ.

Friend, never take for granted the blessing (and benefit!) of fellowship with the saints. Were it not for the treasure of the Holy Spirit abiding in our hearts, which puts all believers into the body of Christ and the family of God, we could not enjoy this unique “family” fellowship where we can share with one another and support one another while on the way to our heavenly home.

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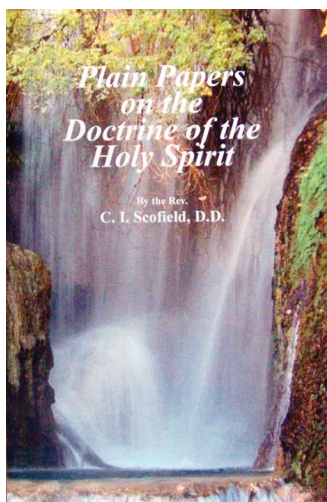


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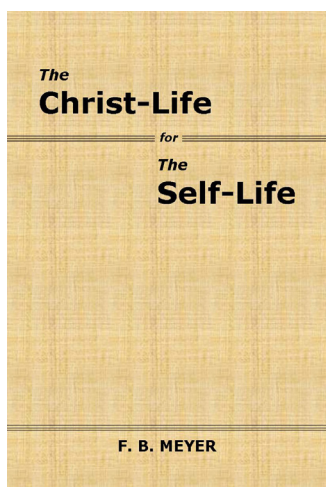
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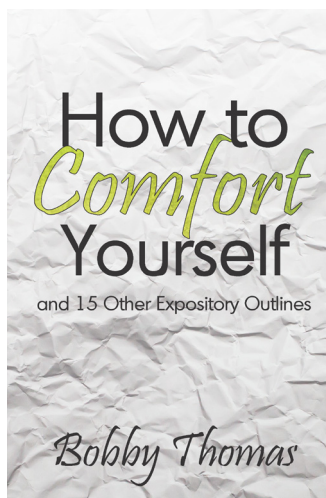
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by Bobby Thomas

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These sixteen original outlines from 1 Thessalonians, chapter five, are the results of many faithful years of studying the Word of God. Before being printed, these outlines were preached from the pulpit of Calvary Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina, where Pastor Thomas served forty-two years. It is our prayer that these

outlines will receive broad acceptance and will be used to enrich the lives of many of the Lord's people.

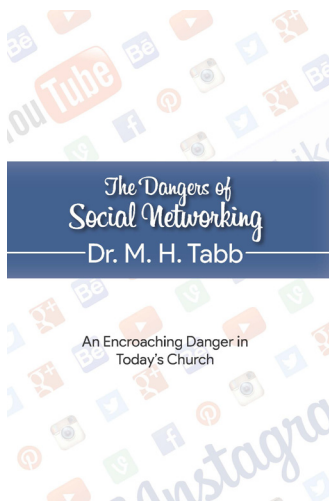
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The Pastor's Page



Tim Fellure

Fleeces or Faith

Judges 6:33-40

Gideon had heard and, after much reluctance, obeyed the call of God to deliver His people from Midian. He had sounded the battle call to arms, and a great number of Israelites had rallied to the cry for volunteers. Despite the fact that Gideon was a farmer, not a soldier, that he had no leadership skills and no military ex-

perience, and that he was a young man and not exactly the bravest man in town, the men of the nation still looked to him to lead the fight against the Midianites. When Gideon realized what he had gotten himself into, he decided to seek some reassurance from the Lord. He suggested two fleeces to the Lord in an effort to gain more concrete proof that this was really the Lord's will.

These fleeces have become the most familiar incident in the life of Gideon and have also become the subject of much debate. Do the fleeces display faith or fear? Did Gideon doubt God, or did he doubt himself? Was this a trusting heart or a troubled heart? The problem I have with fleeces is, when you have a word from God, do you also need a sign from God? If you have heard with the ear of faith, does the eye have to see something too? While it is not always presumptuous to ask God for a sign (Eleazar sought a sign in his search for a bride for Isaac), it is rarely necessary to seek a sign or put out a fleece. Maybe you think I am being too critical, but listen to Gideon's one purpose for putting out a fleece: "*Then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand.*"

The Lord's messenger had told Gideon the Lord had chosen him. Gideon had the Lord's word that He would deliver the enemy to the Israelites. The Spirit of God was upon him. The angel caused fire to come out of a rock. But still Gideon wanted a sign. He wanted a visible, physical demonstration that God would do what He said He would do. That is not faith; that is fear. Gideon knew the will of God for his life, but he was unwilling to act upon it until he was assured he would succeed. The majority of people struggling with God's will are not struggling with determining it, but with doing it. The most common ploy, when we know God's will but are trying to persuade ourselves otherwise, is to throw out a fleece. We make some condition upon God, and when He refuses to dignify our doubt, then we have our way out. When you throw out a fleece, you're not trying to discover God's will; you're trying to escape from it. From the life of Gideon, here are three guidelines for knowing God's will without fleeces.

1) Trust What You Hear, Not What You See

Gideon had heard the word of God, but he wanted to see something. Always remember that faith comes through the ear-gate, not the eye-gate. "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Opened ears produce faith, and faith produces opened eyes. Most people should quit looking for a sign and start listening for a word. Abraham moved on what he heard, not what he saw; Lot moved on what he saw, not what he heard. Now, you may not hear an audible voice, but the Spirit speaks to the heart. It is a voice no one but yourself will hear. Sometimes the Spirit of God will speak to me, and I have to be sensitive to His voice. I have to have discernment that I do not mistake His voice with my overzealous ambitions. We must remember God will never lead us to disobey His Word.

One way you will know His will is that the voice of God is very clear. You don't have to talk yourself into discerning the voice of God. God has a way of making His will known. And when He speaks, you do not need a sign. If God tells you something, He doesn't then need to show you something.

2) Trust What You Know, Not What You Feel

Gideon knew an angel had visited him. Gideon knew God had spoken to him. Gideon knew he had been called to this task. Gideon knew the Spirit of God was upon him. Gideon knew God had promised victory. Gideon knew God had never failed. But Gideon felt he was not qualified. Gideon felt he did not have the experience. Gideon felt he was not the man for the job. Gideon felt intimidated by the enemy. And his feelings overrode what he knew. His emotions cancelled his knowledge. It has been said if you don't control your emotions, your emotions will control you. You must learn to trust what you know, not what you feel. One of the worst things you can do is to make a major decision when your emotions are really high or really low. You should trust what you know, not what you feel.

3) Trust God, Not Yourself

A phrase you will hear every once in a while is, "Follow your heart." That's some of the worst advice you'll ever hear. "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*"

If you follow your heart and emotions, they will lead you astray. If you follow God, you can never go wrong. The enemy was mightier than Gideon, but not mightier than God. Gideon was underqualified; God was sufficient. Gideon was intimidated; God fears no one. Gideon needed an army of men; God only needed one man. If you are in the habit of putting out fleeces, you might want to try just trusting God.