



Lifeline

CHURCH of CHRIST
at Galena



1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

I have heard the above passage referred to as a "refrigerator verse" in that it should always be before us, like something that is stuck on our refrigerator. This is an important verse in many ways, but in this article I want to consider some things this verse teaches us about our God.

1. God is no respecter of persons. God does not single us out regarding temptation. He allows us to experience what is "common to" all men. We are all subject to temptations which appeal to us through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). While we may be called upon to struggle with difficult situations, we should never entertain the idea that God has it out for us or is allowing us to be tempted to a greater degree than others.

2. God is faithful. The centerpiece of this great verse is the faithfulness of God. He can be counted on to keep His word. This characteristic of God is stated throughout the Bible. "Great is Your faithfulness" (Lam. 3:23). "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Tim. 1:13). "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began" (Titus 1:2).

3. God is in control. God does not tempt us to sin (James 1:13-15), but God is greater than the tempter and exercises authority over him. God allowed Satan to afflict Job, but He limited Satan regarding what he could do (Job 1:11-12; 2:5-6). God allows us to be tempted, but never allows us to be tempted beyond our ability to resist.

4. God knows our limitations. God knows what each of us can endure. He will never allow us to face anything greater than what He knows we are able to handle. Paul prayed three times that his "thorn in the flesh" would be removed. The Lord denied this request. Paul needed the thorn to humble him. Rather than remove the thorn, the Lord promised to give him the strength to endure it (2 Cor. 12:7-10). God knows both how much adversity we can handle and how much adversity we need to handle.

5. God is our deliverer. Not only is God faithful not to allow us to be tempted beyond what we can handle, He is faithful to provide a means of deliverance out of every temptation. God is a great deliverer. He delivered His people from Egypt (Ex. 3:8) and from Babylon (Ezra 9:13). He delivered the Jews from the plot of Haman (Esther 4:14). He delivered Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego from the fiery furnace (Dan. 3:17). Because God delivered Noah and Lot from destruction, we should have faith that He "knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations" (2 Pet. 2:4-9).

God provides us with the way to escape from every temptation, but we must be willing to take it. The Children of Israel had to walk out of Egypt to escape their bondage. The Jews had to fight and defend themselves to escape annihilation at the order of Haman (Esther 8:11). Noah had to build the ark, and Lot had to flee the city. Joseph had to run away from Potiphar's wife (Gen. 39:12). We have to take the way of escape that God faithfully provides.

We serve a great God. His attributes are displayed in His physical creation and described in His written revelation. Let's learn more about God, His care and love for us, and His desire to have fellowship with us both now and in eternity. 🌟

-Heath Rogers

“In the Same Hour of the Night”

“And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.” (Acts 16:32-33)

VBS was great and what made it even better was we had two wonderful moments of rejoicing around midnight a couple of those nights. **Erin Mitchell** was baptized into Christ on Wednesday AM and **Andrew Maudlin** submitted to Christ in baptism on Friday AM.

These are young tender hearts have been taught God's word from parents who love the Lord and have been considering their relationship with Christ for some time.

It is essential to obey Christ at any hour of the day or night. That is the example of scripture and the illustration of hearts touched by the urgent need for salvation.

It is a time of rejoicing. *“And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God” (16:34).*

May the Lord bless these babes in Christ. 🌸

PLANTING THE SEED

As a young boy, the parable of the sower seemed to hand down a frightful condemnation. As you read the text in Matthew 13:18-23 it seems that there are four different kinds of hearts, one which bears fruit for the Lord, and three which do not. It seemed that if one did not possess the fourth heart there was not much hope. That hopelessness, however, was one day blasted away with a seeming epiphany – you can till soil!

This parable then can be viewed, not as a sentence for the hearts of those who are not now bearing fruit, but rather, a formula for which they can transform their hearts into that of a fruitful disciple: First, one must understand, second, they must endure the pressure and temptations of the devil and those who oppose Christ, thirdly, they must make decisions that exalt God over the worldly matters in their lives.

Over the next three weeks, we will examine those three steps. But first it must be pointed out that the word of God, namely, Christ, is the seed planted into the heart that yields transformation of the mind and soul. If we are not planting the seed in our hearts, all our efforts will be for naught.

There are so many ways to continually plant the seed. First and foremost, “faith comes by hearing and hearing from the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). Without God's word, we enter battle daily without a sword (Eph. 6:17) and look for eternal life without knowing the Life Giver (John 6:35). Reading is important. We must make sure we listen to God's truths on friendship, romantic love, marriage, and social issues before listening to man's opinions.

In addition to reading, we listen. The church is fundamental in this regard. Just as important, we can exhort

and encourage our brethren. It is vital that we love and encourage one another. It is also important to have brothers and sisters in Christ who can echo God's words and instructions when we need to seek advice or be corrected.

Also, we plant the seed in the home. In Deuteronomy 6 the plan for the people to remain faithful to God was to teach the word in their homes. The plan to remain true to God down to the second and third generation was to talk about God's goodness and law when they spent family time together, when they went about their day together, when they woke up and before they went to sleep. Judging off their future rebellion, it seems many deemed the plan extreme and excessive.

And finally, we listen to the word in our hearts. The point of the family discussing God's things so often was so that the commands would be on their hearts. The conscience is a powerful thing. When we are reading, memorizing, and meditating upon God's word, our spirit and conscience will grow strong so that we are not quick to depart from the Lord.

Before considering the rest of these articles, go back and read the parable carefully. It does not talk about the seed being received into stony, shallow, or thorny hearts, rather, it talks of seed being received into hearts that are in stony, shallow, or thorny places. The first step to pleasing God is choosing to hear His word over the noise of the world. Only then can it guide us where to go from there.

“To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you just may be the world.” 🌸

-Luke Woolbright

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**Meets
Today!**

Thursday, June 15th 7:30 PM



Ladies
**BIBLE
STUDY**



Daughters
of the KING

Wednesday, June 14th @ 5 pm



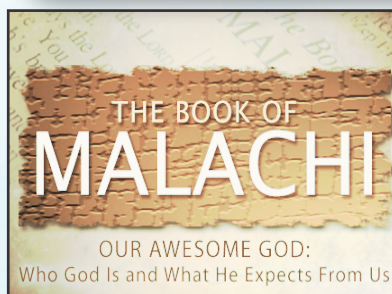
FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD 7:00 PM

**MITCHELL HOUSE
GRADES 5 - 8**

**MAUDLIN HOUSE
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YOUTH STUDIES & SINGINGS



**W PROPHETABLE
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LESSONS | the | PROPHETS

READ MALACHI FOR WEDNESDAY!

THIS WEEK

| Barker May 21 st | Dowling May 28 th | Loughmiller June 4 th | Mitchell June 11 th | Scott June 18 th | Stout June 25 th |
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| Farmer Keehn Loughmiller, B. Woolbright, Randol | Barker, Ashlyn Keehn Michell Sieg, Don | Dooley Schoenbaechler Shaffer Woolbright, Ryan | Buchanan Hudson Sieg-Swank | Bailey Miller Sieg, Donny Culver | Loughmiller, N. Maudlin McKinney Woolbright, D. |

JUNE SERVANTS**Building Cleaning & Communion:**

D. Woolbrigt & Ryan Woolbright

Benevolence Organizers:

Mitchell & Sieg

Meal Organizers:

Tina Mitchell & Lou Sieg

**JUNE**

2 - Helen Bailey B'day

4 - Mike & Belinda

Loughmiller

8 - Jonas Loughmiller

10 - Evelyn Loughmiller

11 - Madelynn Dowling

13 - Mary Beth Maudlin

16 - Ruth McKinney

21 - Nick & Carla

Loughmiller

24 - Shanon & Desirae

Miller

25 - Gus & Carmen

Schoenbaechler

28 - Belinda Loughmiller

29 - Amy Loughmiller

29 - Jessica Scott

**BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES**

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (06/11)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Shannon Shaffer

Song Leader: Michael Stout

Lord's Table: Michael Stout (Lead)

J. Farmer, S. Mitchell, D. Culver

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Tim Maudlin

Sunday PM (06/11)

Announcements: Dale Woolbright

1st Prayer: Randol Woolbright

Song Leader: Jonathan Maudlin

Lord's Table: Michael Stout (Lead)

J. Farmer

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: Daryn Barker

Wednesday (06/14)

Announcements: Kyle Dowling

1st Prayer: Bill Buchanan

Song Leader: Don Sieg

Invitation: Shanon Miller

Closing Prayer: Jim Hudson

NEXT WEEK

Sunday Morning (06/18)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Lord's Table: TBA (Lead)

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: TBA

Sunday PM (06/18)

Announcements: Bill Buchanan

1st Prayer: TBA

Song Leader: TBA

Lord's Table: TBA (Lead)

Sermon: Shannon Shaffer

Closing Prayer: TBA

Wednesday (06/21)

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Sunday

Worship: 9:00 AM

Bible Classes: 10:00 AM

Worship: 3:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7:30 PM

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