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Marriages Made in Heaven

Lessons From Left Field

By Chuck Bittrick
ROTten Answers

The Bible is full of answers, not always the specific answer to a particular problem but the answer for any problem. The Scriptures don't necessarily tell us what to do in every situation; instead they give us our attitude toward the situation. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) "No weapon formed against you will prevail." (Isaiah 54:17) "All things work together for good to those who love God and called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) "For the wrath of man does not produce the

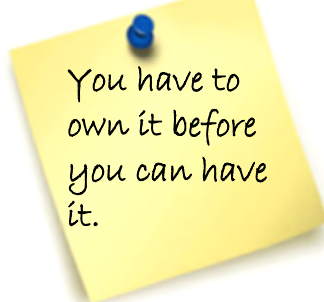
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Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

John Dilworth Jan 13, 2017
John Eric Wilson Feb 1, 2017

Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

Clint Grant Jan 26, 2017
Charles Jones Feb 18, 2017
Wendel Rapp Mar 9, 2017



"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." (Isaiah 54:2)

There are times when the Lord will have us pull up our stakes and move our tent while keeping stakes attached to a lengthened cord tethered to former "campgrounds." Throughout the history of New Name Ministries, we have had four covering churches for our men. None of these changes in covering churches have been rooted in doctrinal disagreements or offenses. While each move has been unique, each season has left us with cherished relationships and the markings of the positive impact in our spirits. Our stakes remain strengthened and our overlapping tents of influence grow. (If only the majority of our churches would capture on this principle.)

From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro
Green Side Up!

As I thought about writing for this edition of our ministries newsletter the Lord reminded me of a joke my Father in-law use to tell. He'd start to laugh before even telling it! This certain group of student laborers from an agricultural college were hired to put in a sod lawn. As they reviewed the installation instructions for proper application someone had thoughtfully written in green ink for emphasis, "GREEN SIDE UP!" That



certainly could be taken a lot of ways! Let's assume for this article it was offered in honor.

Application can make a big difference between a beautiful outcome or a muddy

Our current covering, Church on the Slab, is another marriage made in Heaven. Pastored by Cherryll Lynn Wallace, this church is known in Fort Worth for its outreach to the homeless. But instead of being a mission, it is a church with a mission. Welcoming those who are less than welcome in other churches, our men fit right in and have been met with love so strong that it overcomes even the worst of backgrounds.

This is not to say that there is compromise when it comes to character. It is often preached that as believers, we are no longer under the sin nature. Since we are now without excuse, we can get down to the serious business of transformation by allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in our lives in need of repentance. Doesn't this sound familiar? Sounds just like New Name.

mess. We see it a lot here at New Name Ministries. We have several parts of our "work in process" program that has



specific instructions for an intended result. A beautiful result. Yet on occasion, a program participant will ardently or passively balk at following the instructions, leading to a muddy mess. An avoidable mess. Yet, we know under this mess can be found the root of the problem. A significant solution for life, not just for the given assignment. Rather than just cleaning up the mess (performance) we hope the individual will take to heart discovering why they chose not to make proper application of the instructions.

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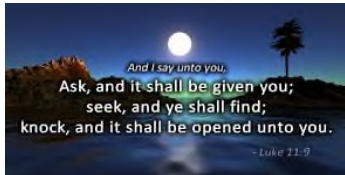
righteousness of God.”
(James 1:20)

As Christians, we are not immune to problems. Some of us believe that we have more than the average person, calling it persecution. But that is another subject. What should our attitude towards problems be? Based on Biblical references like those above, I've determined this: Because my God is good and the resources of His Kingdom are limitless, I know there is always an answer. I may not yet know the answer but there is an answer. What does this attitude do for



me? First of all, the answer will always come out of God's goodness. It will be a righteous answer. The results of righteous answers will serve even an evil person well. (Some may differ about the hot coals. - Proverbs 25:21-22) Righteous answers give us the excuse to use this cliché: “a win-win situation.”

Since I know there is an answer, I have no reason to give up looking for the answer. I don't give up. I may stumble, I may question; but in the end I know there is an answer. Knowing this encourages me to seek and knock. I have to trust. I even



have to wait sometimes for the answer while I seek and knock and trust. No matter the problem I am going through, I can remain optimistic.

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Most everyone who has been around the Church for a while has seen a red-letter bible. These particular words in red are those which Jesus gave us as instructions to be applied to our lives. He died to offer us a life of abundant beauty. A life, that usually starts out messy. A man I mentor called me upset about an aggravating relational circumstance. I reminded him to keep his focus on Christ and use the tools



he's been given. Then, if lacking in His peace, to ask God to reveal what needs to change in him to have his peace restored. I'll guarantee there is a red-letter word that'll clean up any mess to



the root of the problem. In addition, application of red letter words will present the opportunity for fresh revelation, a renewed mind, restoration of blessings stolen by the enemy, redemption and reconciliation with

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Many times, we would rather go around our problems or escape them altogether. These choices never end well. If we trust that the Lord has us on the right path (“The LORD directs the steps of the godly.” – Psalm 37:23) when we try to go around an obstacle, we have to leave the path God set before us in order to do so. Escaping the obstacle has us headed the wrong



direction. God's path takes us through the obstacle. There is so much to be

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those offended and with God. God? How did He get in the middle of this? Isn't He just for the big stuff? Yup, it's all big in the long run. Every big problem we've ever had comes from misapplication or non-application of



God's Biblical principles. What probably seemed to be a small detail grew into an albatross either through, ignorance, indifference or arrogance

Unfortunately, we're all prone to being deceived by our own flesh or the whispers of the enemy. Taunted by promises of greener pastures if we just do it the way



we feel is right. It always pays off in the long run to apply the red-letter words to make sure you end up with the “Green Side Up!” If His peace doesn't prevail, then you'll know you misapplied His Word.

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learned (about ourselves and God) and so much strengthening accomplished when we work through the problem instead of trying to avoid it.

There will always be problems in life. Therefore, we always have access to ROTten answers: Righteous Optimism that takes us Through any problem.

As always...
We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include financial support for administrative staff, gainful employment for our men, and more bed space & staff for expansion. Please join us in declaring supernatural debt cancellation and for a mighty move of the Spirit's freeing work in the lives of His precious ones.