

Need A Lift?

Have you ever felt like you faced some on-going problem in your life that you just couldn't overcome, or had a goal that you just couldn't achieve? In **Matthew 19**, the disciples came to a stark realization of the impossibility of their reaching heaven on their own efforts. Jesus' reply – "With man this IS impossible, but with God ALL things are possible." All things. Have you ever thought about the promise that statement holds?

Two chapters later Jesus makes another bold assertion that expands on this thought. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." God says, "Ask me, I want to give you what you most desperately want." In this He's not encouraging us to take a kid-in-the-candy-store approach, asking for every whim we have. He's telling us to search deep and ask for what we REALLY want. Paul tells the Philippians "...by prayer and petition...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In the end, isn't God's peace what we so desperately crave? Peace from sin in our lives. Peace from failure to reach our spiritual goals. Peace from broken relationships here on earth. Peace from the day-to-day struggles that can overwhelm us. **Isaiah** tells us in **26:3**, "You (God) will keep in perfect peace, him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You."

As you go about your life, keep in mind that there is one and only one way to the peace that we so desperately want—through a total reliance on God. Pray earnestly that God grant you the peace to cope, to overcome, to win the battles that you face. Through prayer and a complete reliance on God, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (**Isaiah 40:31**). Need a lift?

- David Shaw, Starkville church of Christ, Starkville, MS, via *Bulletin Digest*

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Whenever I am troubled and lost in deep despair,
I bundle all my troubles up and go to God in prayer.

I tell him I am heartsick and lost and lonely, too,
That my mind is deeply burdened and I don't know what to do.

But I know He stilled the tempest and calmed the angry sea,
And I humbly ask if in His love He'll do the same for me.

And then I just keep quiet and think thoughts of peace,
And if I abide in stillness my restless murmurings cease.

- Author Unknown -

Life is fragile - handle with prayer.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To John Sprout & family at the passing of his sister, Darlene Rearley. Also, to Mike Laslovich & family at the passing of his father, John Powell. God bless and comfort these in their sorrow.

CONFESSIONS: Elaine McClung, Jerry Miller.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: Emily Martin—multiple health issues (11 year old daughter of Mike Martin, granddaughter of Russell & Margie Martin); James R. Carbone—has had major surgery with a lengthy recovery ahead (grandson of Helene Wilson), Martinsburg City Hospital, Room 525, Martinsburg, WV 25401; Richard Clutter (Eva Stefl's brother),

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this worthwhile project.

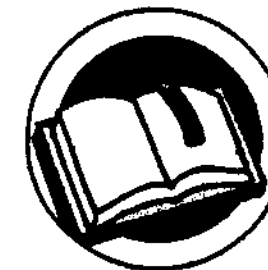
PANTRY: Oatmeal & cereal.

SUNDAY EVENING SINGING: Tonight following the worship period, and August 26th.

SICK & SHUT-IN: City Hospital: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Medical Center: Jean Larrimore. AT HOME: Betty Wilson (Margie Martin's mother), Diane Robinson, Wade Sprout, Bobby Hadley (son of Bob & Pat Hadley), Dan Williams (Sharon's husband), Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's mother). NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

Come Unto Me

Matthew 11:28



- C Stands for Children
- O Stands for Older People
- M Stands for Middle-Aged People
- E Stands for Everyone

Lectures & Meetings

Middle Fork
Barrackville
CHESTER

Aug. 20-24
Aug. 26-30
Sept. 16-20

F. Higginbotham
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Roger Rush