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"A 'TABLE' IN THE WILDERNESS"



Dear *Friends & Family*,

[6/1] Some of you may recollect last month's newsletter where I wrote in detail re: our experiences at *Crossroads Community Homeschool* @ Woodcrest Camp & Retreat in Ephrata, PA. If you didn't catch that newsletter, it is well worth the read, as our Lord moved so sweetly & powerfully among us for my 1<sup>st</sup> time there. Well, we were invited back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> chapel at Crossroads, although this time the event & log-istics would be considerably more challenging. How so? Since this would be the last chapel of the school year, the staff wanted to have said event outside after having a barbeque lunch. Outside? For your typical preacher, that is no big deal. But, for one who highly illustrates his messages for both young & old, this was no small challenge! Why? The chapel area was located DEEP in the woods! It was in a literal hollow bounded by cliffs & boulders. When asked months ago to minister at these last two chapels of the school year, I had already known what I wanted to preach on. Since this was Crossroads' inaugural school year, I felt this institution in its infancy needed two basics: existing & living for the glory of God, & having a clear knowledge of the inestimable value of the human soul. I considered these two reasons the two highest pri-orities for the school's existence. Two weeks prior I had given the message re: the Glory of God. Now, it was "The Value of the Soul" on the school's spiritual menu that day. I have preached this message which is based on a sermon outline by **Charles Hodge** [he taught at **Princeton Seminary** for **56 years**] from February 7, 1864 countless times. And, each time, I never ceased to be stunned, awed, & sobered by it. I feel it would be almost impossible to preach Value of the Soul *without* object lessons! Hence, I didn't know how, but somehow I was going to get my gear to that chapel deep in the woods. [Speaking of preaching in the woods, the only other time I recollect doing so was in some

nearby woods to our house. I was the children's pastor at **Immanuel Church** at the time. On a certain Sunday, I could not be with our "**Diamond Mine**" kids. Hence, I took my camcorder to the woods & filmed a short sermon for the kids so they could "see" me & hear from me at least virtually. Here is that sermon from 1997: <https://youtu.be/Z1eskzUpf2I>

It is entitled, "**Wisdom from the Word in the Woods**". Kim & I not only needed to bring our own little red wagon to haul the object lesson bins from the truck to the chapel, but we also needed to bring our own object lesson table, as the tables at the camp were in a building very far from the chapel location. Given how very far the pool parking lot was from the outdoor chapel, Kim & I were relieved when the camp maintenance man said I could drive my truck as deep into the woods as I could go. This took off several thousand feet of wagon pulling! Still, the path down to the chapel was long, winding, & narrow. Kim, my-self, & Cheri all felt our sinuses begin to go awry when we arrived at this hollow area deep in the woods, surely from the pollen & mold in the air.

### "IT'S SHOCKING!"



Originally Cheri, our hostess, told us there was no electricity at the chapel. This was to my deep chagrin, as I had several important electrically powered object lessons! Well, I was pleasantly "shocked" to see the chapel area DID have an electrical outlet near the rustic stage area! And, it worked! Funny, Moses & the Israelites were overjoyed when the Lord provided manna, water, & quail in the wilderness. I was happy for electricity! While Kim & Cheri headed back to base camp to have lunch with the students, I proceeded to setup my "wares", my "tools", that I carry along with my Bible. It has been said that 83% of what a child learns is what he sees. Hence, my vast collection & retinue of visual aids & object lessons.

### "OVER HILL 'N DALE?"



For the 1<sup>st</sup> time since I started ministering to children in **1986**, I had them “enter chapel” via climbing over huge rocks & boulders to get to chapel-particularly the upper classmen. Parents would have had heart attacks if they saw their young children attempting to do so! I even took my phone & filmed them doing so. After the students all arrived & were seated on rough, primitive sawn in half tree benches, Cheri led a couple of songs on her guitar with the younger children. It was priceless & precious. To be invited to come & minister at events such as this is beyond priceless to me. I treasure such opportunities. I honestly cannot conceive of life without doing so. I pray our Lord never takes me from children & young people. Even now, while typing, I’m listening to very tender child-like music from the 1942 production “Jungle Book”. The score was composed by **Miklos Rozsa**, who scored countless movies during Hollywood’s “Golden Age”, including **Ben Hur & King of Kings**.

### “A VIEW & REVIEW”



When I began to preach, I could not help but look up at the towering trees, looming white clouds, & glorious sun in the heavens. I connected this view with my review of the **Three Glories of God** message I had given the student body from two weeks prior. I was amazed at their retention. I never wanted to have this service outside, due to the obstacles, logistics, distractions, etc. Cheri even offered to have a parent share in my place. My heart was like, “No way!”. I wouldn’t trade this opportunity for the world! I told her we’ll make it happen!

### “ROCKS OF ‘AGES”



Here we were, down in this wooded hollow together, once again, as two weeks prior, with Kindergarteners through 11<sup>th</sup> graders-a vast gamut of *ages*, among the *rocks & boulders*. How does one keep the attention of such a vast array of age groups, with vastly different attention spans? The front row had students who could not yet read, while the back row had young adolescents, with *hormones* racing, who surely find it hard not to think about sex! I could bring every newfangled object lesson & visual aid known to man-and, I just about do! But, as with the vast array of dramas I perform, if our Lord does not touch them by His Spirit-they are useless, cheesy, & hopeless! Our Lord Jesus spoke out-of-doors countless times-to all ages. Once again, I fell upon His Holy Spirit inside of me. It is His Word. It is His gospel. It is His Kingdom. It is His flock of sheep He is gathering to Himself via the foolishness of preaching. Hence, the results are up to Him. And, yet once again with this precious group of students, He moved among us. In the two times I've had with this student body, I've already come to love them. I hope Crossroads invites me back. They said they would. They want me to bring my Time Machine. I'd love to-as long as it's not down in this wooded hollow! 😊

### **"NAKED-AND TASERED ON JUDGMENT DAY"**



**[6/16]** While recently studying & meditating on one of my favorite portions of Scripture, vis, Isa.52:13 to 53:11, I saw that "kings will shut their mouths because of Him", "Him", of course, being the Lord Jesus. O, I not only deeply long for kings & those in authority around the world to shut their mouths because of Him, but also every evil podcaster, blogger, TV personality, news anchor, & commentator, author, columnist, false teacher, false self-appointed prophet, & every mouth who speaks against or misrepresents the Lord Christ. I wish it would happen today-this very moment. I feel with the countless millions online & TV with their arrogance & ignorance {the former is often a fruit of the latter}, like the missionary did in India years ago, re: the countless idols he saw there. He said, "I cannot bear to stay another minute in a place where

the Lord Jesus is so dishonored.” It seems it will take forever for this justice to happen against all of Jesus’ detractors-& there are many. My comfort? Judgment Day. As I was angry & also grieving re: the non-stop cesspool of God-dishonoring thought & verbiage incessantly coming via the airwaves & internet, an image popped into my mind of a viral video clip from years ago. It was a sporting event. The stadium was packed. All of the sudden a naked man “streaked” down the middle of the field. The security team began to chase him. One of them got close enough to taser him. He immediately collapsed & fell face down on the turf in front of the several thousand spectators. As most people who are tasered do, he appeared dead. This is exactly what will happen on Judgment Day, Beloved. All who unjustly hated the Lord Jesus while here on Earth-who accused Him, slandered Him, denied His existence, attributed the most vile atrocities to His Name & character, etc., will all stand naked before Him AND every single person whom they influenced on the Earth during their lifetimes-everyone to a man they encouraged to the dark side by their words & deeds, by their writings, texts, emails, Tweets, podcasts, broadcasts, etc. will be gathered around them in the “Great Assize” as one theologian put it decades ago. Finally, FINALLY, their mouths will be stopped as they are exposed inside as they stand naked outside. The degree/severity of their eternal punishment will be determined based on the number of their sins, the degree of their sins, the scope of their sins, etc. & how many people they influenced with their evil. God is just. Just as there will be rewards for saints based on their yieldedness & labor while on Earth, so shall the wicked have various degrees of punishment. O, please Lord Jesus, hasten this Day, so that all will adore You & reverence Your Holy Name.

By the time you will have read this, Beloved, I will have served at & returned home from my 1<sup>st</sup> of three camps this summer. There have been many challenges this year unlike those I have faced in the past. May I remember they are only new “stages” for our Lord to display Himself & His great grace upon. Amen.



Michael

**\**Caboose!* Commentary Corner:** [Our daughter Laura once said she’d love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I’ve decided to post each month random notes/comments from Bibles I have studied from]: “Gods sovereignty over the world has the appearance of being very loose and slack, with everyone doing whatever whenever they want. On the contrary, every single atom of every single molecule in the universe is doing His exact bidding at every single moment.” MRG 5/19/22



### ***Caboose! On The Loose!***

#### **Ministry/Events for **JULY** & those not listed in last month's newsletter:**

June 12, 19: Chip Sunday Show video productions' online postings

June 15, 21: Immanuel Church, Wilmington, DE: hsc Time Machine drama "Nadab & Abihu"  
cast rehearsal

July 1: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA: last day of hsc Sr. Hi. Camp

July 13: Abundant Life Church, Birdsboro, PA: "Vision for the Young" message video recording  
for conference

July 6,13,20,27: Cab!Talk verse-by-verse expository video postings

July 16-22: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA: hsc Jr. Hi. Camp: pastoral director

July 31: Immanuel Church, Wilmington, DE: worship team drummer



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