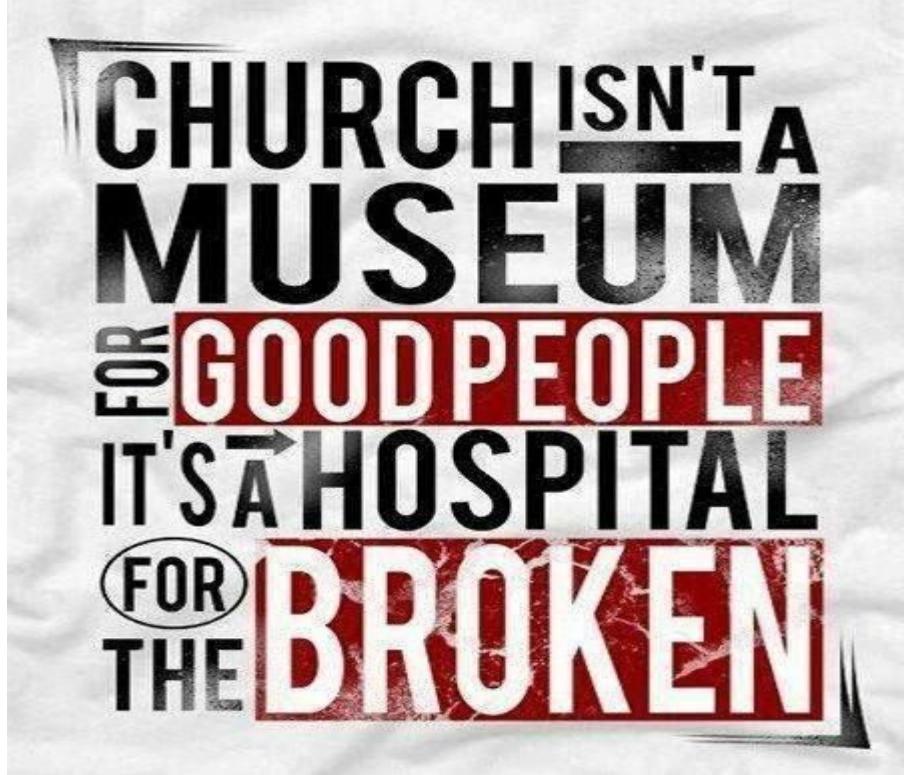


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Theme for 2020

FOCUS 20/20

Philippians 4:8



The Next Thing

There is so much going on in America and the world today, it is hard to ignore. In fact, it would be easy to choose any topic but I think that would miss the whole central point or focus.

As I write this article I am amazed, but not shocked, at how rapidly the world and American trends are changing and challenging our notions. Large cities are aflame with riots prompted by fascistic Marxist left-wing ideologues, and feckless political lead-

cerned.

Add to this the covid-19 pandemic and confusion; the decimation to our economy and the world's. People are clamoring for a New Economics, New Leadership, and a way of life where the "government" will take care of them. This does not even approach the subject of world-wide persecution of Christians as the West sits silent (especially the left). Not to mention the coming clash in America between Evangelical Christians taking a stand and Governmental leaders and bureaucrats.

Now the true believers in Christ alone has a clear two choices. Either we get angry, frustrated, disgusted, grumble and protest; or something radically different. It is this preacher's opinion that it would take two generations to effect change, let alone revival in a believer. The world, with America included, has chosen its future, where true Biblical Christianity is not a part of its world. We'll be tolerated if we stay out of its way. If not, then persecuted.

What then are we to do? Shall we wring our hand in despair and fear? Here's the other "or": We will do what the Lord God, Jesus said "... look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28 We will "...always abounding in the work of the Lord, ..." 1 Corinthians 15:58. We must do our soul winning or ministering until Jesus calls us or raptures us. You will increasingly be mocked, feared, ostracized. So Hallelujah! He counts us worthy in a world unworthy of us. (Hebrews 11:38)



1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

ers. These leaders are hoping to appease a constituency for their re-election. Honest protests for right cause have been co-opted. National news medias, to support their own agenda, do not report facts and contradict their narrative. This in essence leads to a non-free press as far as the populous is con-



Jeremiah 17:14 are Yahweh our
 Heal me, O Yahweh, God.
 and I shall be
 healed; save me, and
 I shall be saved: for
 you are my praise.

Acts 3:16 By faith
 in His name has His
 name made this man
 strong, whom you
 see and know. Yes,
 the faith which is
 through Him has
 given Him this per-
 fect soundness in the
 presence of you all.

Psalms 147:3 He
 heals the broken in
 heart, And binds up
 their wounds.

Jeremiah 3:22 Re-
 turn, you backslid-
 ing children, I will
 heal your backslid-
 ing. Behold, we are
 come to you; for you

Romans 8:6 For the
 mind of the flesh is
 death, but the mind
 of the Spirit is life
 and peace;

James 5:19-20
 Brothers, if any
 among you wanders
 from the truth, and
 someone turns him
 back, let him know
 that he who turns a
 sinner from the error
 of his way will save
 a soul from death,
 and will cover a
 multitude of sins.



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The Beauty of Brokenness

In this world, broken things are despised and thrown out. Anything we no longer need, we throw away. Damaged goods are rejected, and that includes people. In marriage, when relationships break down, the tendency is to walk away and find someone new rather than work at reconciliation. The world is full of people with broken hearts, broken spirits and broken relationships.

([Psalm 34:18](#)). There is something about reaching a breaking point that causes us to seek the Lord more sincerely. King David was once a broken man, and he prayed, ([Psalm 51:10, 17](#)). There are some things in our lives that need to be broken: pride, self-will, stubbornness, and sinful habits, for example. When we feel our brokenness, God compensates: ([Isaiah 57:15](#)).

The Bible says that God breaks those who are proud and rebellious. The mighty Pharaoh set himself against God, but God broke him and freed His people from bondage and shame. ([Leviticus 26:13](#)). God punishes all those who proudly resist Him. ([Isaiah 65:14](#)).

To us, broken things are despised as worthless, but God can take what has been broken and remake it into something better, something that He can use for His glory. Broken things and broken people are the result of sin. Yet God sent his Son, who was without sin, to be broken so that we might be healed. On the night before He died, Jesus broke the bread and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you." He went all the way to Calvary to die so that we can live. His death has made it possible for broken, sinful humanity to be reconciled to God and be healed. Without the broken body of Jesus, we could not be made whole. ([Isaiah 53:5](#)).

Only when we surrender to Christ can we be restored and transformed. Such surrender requires a brokenness on our part ([Luke 9:23](#)). [Romans 6:1-14](#) describes how believers become dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. Claim the promise that cannot be broken: ([John 16:33](#)). ([Psalm 34:19-22](#)).

Jesus viewed all things in the light of eternity, and so should we: ([Hebrews 12:2-3](#)).

God draws us, He calls to us. He longs for us to come to Him so He can heal us. Often, we are unable to hear His call because we're so busy with other things – our lives, our families, our work, our own problems and unhappiness. Sometimes we must be broken before we realize our need. And our deepest need is to be reconciled to God. Only then can we be made whole ([Matthew 5:5](#)).

The solution can never come from our own efforts or striving, but comes only from Him. Only when we recognize our need for God are we able to take our eyes off ourselves and focus them on God and Jesus Christ. Only when we stop thinking about ourselves and start thinking about what Jesus did for us can we begin to heal. Only when we admit our need and ask God into our life, can God begin to make us whole. Only when we confess that we are broken can God make us into what He wants us to be. Once we let go of self and place God at the center of our lives, everything else falls into place ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

During the final week of Jesus' life, He was eating a meal, and "a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head" ([Mark 14:3](#)). The woman's action of breaking the alabaster jar was symbolic of a couple of things: Jesus would soon be "broken" on the cross, and all who follow Him must be willing to be "broken" as well. But the result of such costly brokenness is beautiful, indeed.

Surrender to God and allow Him to make you whole, to give your life meaning, purpose and joy. Trust Him. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" ([Romans 8:28](#)).



ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE

Match the question with the answer on the right.

Questions

- ___ What animal saved Balaam's life?
- ___ What animal swallowed Jonah?
- ___ What animals appeared in Pharaoh's dreams?
- ___ Which king of Israel imported peacocks?
- ___ Who was Jesus only sent to help?
- ___ After Jesus' birth, what two birds did Mary and Joseph offer as a sacrifice at the temple?
- ___ Who killed a lion with his bare hands?
- ___ Which animals appeared in the second plague of Egypt?
- ___ When the 12 spies visited the land of Canaan, what insect did they compare themselves to?
- ___ Before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which animal did Jesus ride on into Jerusalem?

Answers

1. Samson
2. Cows
3. A giant fish
4. Solomon
5. A young donkey
6. Frogs
7. Grasshoppers
8. A donkey
9. Two young pigeons
10. The lost sheep





While visiting her friend, Howard Doane, in Cincinnati, Fanny Crosby, the blind hymnist, was asked to speak to a group of blue collar workers. Near the end of her address, she had an overwhelming sense that “some mother’s boy” before her “must be rescued that night or not at all.” She mentioned this to the crowd, pleading, “If there is a dear boy here tonight who has perchance wandered away from his mother’s home and his mother’s teaching, would he please come to me at the close of the service?”

Afterward a young man of about eighteen approached her. “Did you mean me?” he asked. “I promised my mother to meet her in heaven, but the way I have been living, I don’t think that will be possible now.” Fanny had the joy of leading him to Christ.

Returning to her room that night, all she could think about was the theme “rescue the perishing,” and when she retired that night she had written the complete hymn. The next day, Howard Doane wrote the music, and it was published the following year.

Many years later, Fanny was speaking at the YMCA in Lynn Massachusetts,

and she recounted the story behind “Rescue the Perishing.” After the service, a man approached her, his voice quivering. “Miss Crosby,” he said, “I was that boy who told you more than 35 years ago that I had wandered from my mother’s God. That evening you spoke, I sought and found peace, and I have tried to live a consistent Christian life ever since. If we never meet again on earth, we will meet up yonder.” He turned and left, unable to say another word. But Franny later describes it as one of the most gratifying experiences of her life.

This song served as a prelude to Fanny Crosby’s 2nd career. About age 60, she began working in downtown rescue missions, spending several days a week in lower Manhattan, witnessing to the down-and-out. Despite her fame as a hymnwriter, she chose to live in near poverty in New York’s ghettos, for she felt a calling to minister to the needy. Just a few blocks from her little tenement apartment was the Bowery, a haunt for alcoholics and where every kind of vice flourished. There Fanny would go day after day to rescue the perishing.



August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School- 9:30 Morning Service-10:30 Evening Service-6:00						1 Deacons Mtg
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Print Ministry 10-2			Trustees Mtg
Singspiration		Print Ministry 3-6	6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Business Mtg			Print Ministry 10-2			
		Print Ministry 3-6	6:30pm Week- ly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
SS Picnic			Print Ministry 10-2			
		Print Ministry 3-6	6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			1st Day of School			
30	31		Print Ministry 10-2			
The Lord's Supper		Print Ministry 3-6	6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer	RU 7 pm	



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August Birthdays

- 1st Nathan Branton
- 3rd Debby Connell
- 3rd Anthony Voshell
- 4th Grace Gordon
- 4th Aubrianna Mainu
- 11th Abigail Buehner
- 12th David Ritter
- 19th Dave Blaschke
- 19th Sandra Joseph
- 19th Hannah Springer
- 21st Ann Kindness
- 22nd Jordan Buehner
- 24th Joshua Pries
- 28th Connie Haines
- 29th Donovan Lozano
- 30th Noah Blaschke
- 30th Donna Matthews
- 30th Shaneia Cassel

Anniversaries

- 2nd David & Marlene Bruggeman
- 4th Mike & Mary Ellen Likely
- 7th Wayne & Kathy Stockwell
- 7th Pastor Robert & Dana Meyer
- 10th James & Karen Otto
- 13th David & Amanda Boots
- 14th Kyle & Terra Pries
- 16th James & JoAnn Peterson
- 22nd Justin & Katy Spaulding
- 25th John & Carol James
- 27th Roger & Dorothy Pipkin
- 30th Harold & Gine Haines
- 30th Joel & Diane Coleman

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Mark 16:15

August Missionaries

Paul & Miriam Coblentz-missionaries to the Amish. They are former Amish themselves and understand the Amish mindset. Our work includes: In-Amish-Home Bible Studies, organize and distribute bi-lingual (German and English) Gospel materials to Amish homes.

Prayer Requests:

- New Bible Studies
- Contacts
- Shunned Families

Rosalie Marshall (and son Mike) minister to the military. They help military families find churches when transferred, are a support group and Bible studies for wives etc.

Prayer Requests:

- Summer Ministry with the children
- More contacts for Bible Study
- God’s Provision

Marty & Logan Roembke-missionaries to the Menominee Nation. They are still on deputation but able to minister as much as allowed to the area around them.

Prayer Requests:

- Menominee Nation
- Pregnancy -Twins
- Supporting Churches