

Survivor

One balmy day in the South Pacific, a navy ship espied smoke coming from one of three huts on an uncharted island. Upon arriving at the shore they were met by a shipwrecked survivor. He said, "I'm so glad you're here! I've been alone on this island for more than five years!"



The captain observed, "If you've been all alone on the island why do I see THREE huts."

The survivor said, "Oh. Well, I live in one, and go to church in another."

"What about the THIRD hut?" asked the captain. "That's where I **USED** to go to church was the survivor's quick reply.

The Millionaire



At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today." He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him: "***I dare you to do it again.***"

Spring Fever

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher they'd had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today, so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"



When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:4)

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!



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In loving memory of our moms this year who we wait to see again.

Roses for Mama

Lord, are there roses in your garden
On the shores of jubilee
Would you pick a dozen of your best
And deliver them for me?

For you see today is mother's day
And I can't visit my mom
For it wasn't very long ago
The angels came and took her home.
So if there are roses in your garden
On the shores of Jubilee
Would you pick a dozen of your best
And deliver them for me?
Would you take them to my mother
And tell her that I love her.
Tell her that I miss her
In oh! So many ways
But I have the joy in knowing
We'll meet again someday
And we'll pick roses together
On the shores of Jubilee.

~ Lynn Casstevens
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A mother is God's "wink" to say He cares.



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Join us each Sunday for Worship

11 a.m. Worship and Praise

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

That: "Three undeniable certainties we can draw from the Scriptures are: God wants us to love Him above all else, God wants us to glorify Him in all we do, and God doesn't want us to be enslaved to anything besides righteousness." — Matt Moore

The Horse and the Preacher

A preacher trained his horse to go when he said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when he said, "Amen". The preacher mounted the horse, said, "Praise the Lord" and went for a ride. When he stopped for lunch, he said, "Amen". He took off again, saying, "Praise the Lord". The horse started going toward the edge of the cliff. The preacher got excited and said, "Whoa!" Then he remembered and said, "Amen", so the horse stopped at the edge. The preacher was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said, "Praise the Lord!"



Don't be Fooled...

A young man at a supermarket noticed an old lady following him. As he got to the checkout line, she got in front of him. "Pardon me," she said, "I'm sorry for staring. It's just you look like my son, who recently died." "I'm very sorry," replied the young man. "Is there anything I can do for you?" "Yes, as I'm leaving, can you say 'Good bye, Mother'?' It'd make me feel so much better." "Sure," answered the young man. As she left, he called out, "Goodbye, Mother!" Stepping up to the checkout, he saw his total was \$127.50. "How can that be?" he asked, "I only purchased a few things!" "Your mother said you'd pay for her," said the clerk.



Something To Think About..

"Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father". ~ Philippians 2:9-11.

Not everything we pursue is worthy of God's stamp of approval. Many are our deeds that are better suited for the darkness of this world than to shine in the light of God's glory. So how do we determine what is good and pleasing to God and will end with His receiving glory? The Bible says, *"Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31. Does that mean if I sit down at a restaurant I must think which food will bring the most glory to God? Not at all! Would I be healthier if I did? Probably! There's a bigger point Paul is making - that everything can and should be done for the glory of God. **How do we glorify God?** No question's more practical or more significant. The supreme purpose in life for everyone who has ever been born into this world is to glorify God. That's what living is all about. Glorifying God is the culmination of the Christian life. One of the most constant, critical struggles we have as believers is balancing our God-given longing for greatness with striving for our own glory on earth. We're bombarded by advertisements through every source of

media telling us what we need to be great, to have what we deserve, or simply to reach out and grasp because "I want that!" But Romans 11:36 tells us, *"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen."* When we strive to achieve our own greatness, we load on our shoulders a weight only God can bear. Living for your own glory only leads to a life of dissatisfaction, striving, burdens, and failure.

On the other hand, we can close a sale, sweep a house, program computers, build a car, design a city or run for public office and do it for the glory of God! How? It takes the right attitude; the right motivation - an attitude of gratitude motivated by a heart desire to honour God. You'll know it when it happens - anything that causes you to **love** God more brings glory to God; anything that causes you to **trust** God more, brings glory to God.

Of course we've steps we can follow to help us stay connected with our Lord and to bring Him constant glory. We're called to **confess our sin**, not from a mean-spirited God who wants to dig up the dirt on our life but to cleanse and set us free leading us to recognize the blessing we receive in salvation from Him. The Bible tells us, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* ~ 1 John 1:9. We're also called to **bear fruit**. At John 15:8 Jesus tells the disciples, *"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit."* Why? Because then the world can see the results of a Spirit-filled life. That's what we're here for - to put God on display to the world.

Finally, and most essential, we look to Jesus as our example who humbled Himself and yet is the only One alone who is the One True King. All of creation is under His rule and authority. God alone can bear the burden of glory. With glory comes great responsibility - responsibility you and I are never able to bear. It's in living for His glory we find peace and purpose. And it's only in living for His glory the world will ever come to know the Father.

Mark your Calendar...

- 2 May 18 - Stuff Envelops at WRRCC (10 a.m. @ Beach St)
- 6 May 18 - **Communion Sunday**
 - Collect Gift Bags for Mothers at WRRCC
- 8 May 18 - Women's Mission Encounter Group 1:30 pm
- 12 May 18 - Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
- 22 May 18 - Women's Friendship Group 2 pm

YOUTH MEETS TUESDAYS @ 6:30 pm

Each Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study 2p.m.

(Location announced each week)