

Daily Devotional, June 6, 2020 Saturday Lite--Brighten Your Day!

True Commitment

A journalist was assigned to the Jerusalem bureau of his newspaper. He gets an apartment overlooking the Wailing Wall. After several weeks he realizes that whenever he looks at the wall, he sees an old Jewish man praying vigorously. The journalist wondered whether there was a publishable story here. He goes down to the wall, introduces himself and says: "You come every day to the wall. What are you praying for?"

The old man replies: "What am I praying for? In the morning I pray for world peace, then I pray for the brotherhood of man. I go home, have a glass of tea, and I come back to the wall to pray for the eradication of illness and disease from the earth."

The journalist is taken by the old man's sincerity and persistence. "You mean you have been coming to the wall to pray every day for these things?" The old man nods.

"How long have you been coming to the wall to pray for these things?"

The old man becomes reflective and then replies: "How long? Maybe twenty, twenty-five years."

The amazed journalist finally asks: "How does it feel to come and pray every day for over 20 years for these things?"

"How does it feel?" the old man replies. "It feels like I'm talking to a wall."

WANTED: CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

"Now hiring," read the classified ad. "Cemetery superintendent. The ideal candidate must be able to supervise in a fast-paced environment." *A. S., via Internet*

POLICE ARREST NAKED MAN WITH CONCEALED WEAPON

—Source: MSNBC.com; contributed by Linda Fabbri, Corbin, KY

STATISTICS SHOW....

Statistics Show Teen Pregnancy Drops Off Significantly After Age 25 —Source: New York Post

ASTRONAUT TAKES BLAME FOR GAS IN SPACECRAFT

—Source: Timothy Haas in Boseman Daily Chronicle

TYPHOON RIPS THROUGH CEMETERY; HUNDREDS DEAD

—Source: Timothy Haas in Boseman Daily Chronicle

IRAQI HEAD SEEKS ARMS

—Source: Timothy Haas in Boseman Daily Chronicle

SELF-PROCLAIMED INVISIBLE MAN NO SHOW AT COURT HEARING

—Source: The Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)

WHAT 87-YEAR-OLDS GIVE UP FOR LENT

"Has your diet changed?" I asked an 87-year-old woman I was admitting into the hospital. "Yes," she said. "For Lent, I gave up whipped cream on my Jell-O, hard candy, and my two beers a night. [Pause] And look where it's gotten me."

THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA

I tell my kids that Santa is fat because he eats the children who get up early on Christmas morning. That way, I get to sleep in. *James Knowles, on topfive.com*

Christening baby brother

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"

Preachers dying wish

An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his banker and his lawyer, both church members, to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling.

For a time, no one said anything. Both the banker and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled; the preacher had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness, and avaricious behavior that made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said, "Preacher, why did you ask us to come?"

The old preacher mustered up his strength and then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go."

Adam's counter offer

God looks down and notices that Adam is all alone while all the animals have companions, so he decides to create a companion for man as well. He comes to see Adam and says to him, "Adam, you are my greatest creation and therefore, I am going to create for you the ultimate companion. She will worship the very ground you walk on, she will long for you and no other, she will be highly intelligent, she will wait on you hand and foot and obey your every command, she will be beautiful, and all it will cost you is an arm and a leg." Thinking for a few moments, Adam replies, "What could I get for a rib?"

You choose

One beautiful Sunday morning, the pastor announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"Now, we'll take the collection and see which one you have chosen."

interstate driving

A state trooper sees a vehicle on the interstate doing 24 miles an hour and pulls the car to make sure everything is all right. When he approaches the driver he discovers that it is a nun.

"Excuse me, sister. But are you alright?" He asked. She replies, "Oh, yes officer. We're just fine. Was I doing something wrong?" The officer says, "Well sister, you were traveling way under the speed limit and I was concerned that you might be having car trouble or something." "But officer", the nun interrupts, "I saw a sign there about a mile back that said 24, and I know I wasn't going any faster than that." Chuckling, the trooper says, "Sister, that was a state highway route marker, this is State Route 24, not the speed limit. The speed limit signs have a MPH at the bottom." "Oh, now don't I feel foolish!", replied the nun turning red. "That's ok, but please try to be more careful, I would hate to see you get hurt", finished the officer.

Then as he turns to say good-bye to the nuns in the back seat, he notices for the first time that they are trembling violently and quite pale. "Sister, what is wrong with your friends? Can I escort you to a hospital?" "Oh, no, they're all right. We just turned off of Route 135."

The Survivor

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

The captain replied, "If you're 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."

Love one another

I was walking across a bridge one day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump off. I immediately ran over and said "Stop! Don't do it!"
"Why shouldn't I?" he said.
I said, "Well, there's so much to live for!"
"Like what?"
"Well ... are you religious or atheist?"
"Religious."
"Me too! Are you Christian or Jewish?"
"Christian."
"Me too! Are you Catholic or Protestant?"
"Protestant."
"Me too! Are you Episcopalian or Baptist?"
"Baptist."
"Wow! Me too! Are you Baptist Church of God or Baptist Church of the Lord?"
"Baptist Church of God."
"Me too! Are you Original Baptist Church of God, or are you Reformed Baptist Church of God?"
"Reformed Baptist Church of God."
"Me too! Are you Reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1879, or Reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1915?"
"Reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1915!"
To which I said, "Die, heretic!" and pushed him off.

First trip to the mall

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked his father, "What is this, Father?" The father responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed an old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of lights w/numbers above the walls light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The walls opened up again and a beautiful 24 year old woman stepped out.
The father said to his son, "Go get your Mother."

Leaving the church early

"I hope you didn't take it personally, preacher," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."
"I did find it rather disconcerting," the Pastor replied.
"It wasn't out of any disrespect to you," insisted the church-goer.
"Fred has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Car crash

After dying in a car crash, three friends go to Heaven for orientation.
They are all asked the same question, "When you're lying in your casket, and friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"
The first guy immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man."
The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made

a huge difference in the children of tomorrow."

The last guy thinks for a moment, and then replies, "I guess I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's alive!'"

With all of the horrible news we have experienced recently, we need a few good laughs to lighten our moods. Let this not be at the expense of those who need more equity and joy in their lives. May we continue to pray for healing, equality, peace, and understanding in our nation and in our world.