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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“HOW TO WALK ON WATER”, BY JERRY CUMMINGS, PASTOR OF LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP IN NORTON

In Matthew 14 we read a story about what the power of God can do, as well as what a man can do through the power of God. It is the story of Jesus and Peter walking on the water. The story begins as Jesus sends the disciples away in a boat while he proceeds up the mountain to pray alone through the night. But while Jesus is praying, the disciples are having a hard time rowing their boat into a strong opposing wind. They make it to about the middle of the lake (3-4 miles) in 7-8 hrs. Somewhere between 3 and 6 in the morning they see a figure walking toward them on the water. After recovering from their fright, they realize it is Jesus.

One of the most interesting things about this story is Peter's reaction to seeing Jesus walk on the water. If it were one of us, we might have been satisfied, like the other disciples, to simply sit in amazement of what Jesus was doing. But Peter, apparently remembering how Jesus had included them in his other miracles such as feeding the 5,000, healing the sick, casting out demons and so on. So Peter wanted to be a part of them as well. So he asks Jesus to tell him to come to Him on the water. And of course Jesus was pleased with Peter's request and says "Come". Then Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the

water to Jesus. Also, as we know, Peter began to fear, and his faith wavered, and he had to be rescued by Jesus.

In spite of Peter's weakness I admire him as one who wasn't satisfied with just boat riding, but wanted to walk on water once he saw it as a possibility through God's power. The boat was the natural security of the disciples, their comfort zone. But this is a place also of limitation. Out on the water, Jesus was walking in a place that was unlimited, where all things are possible.

You see Peter knew that if Jesus told him to "Come", then it could be done. So Peter really was not just walking on water, but on the word "Come". When he began to sink, it wasn't just that he lost sight of Jesus, but he lost sight of "Come". Indeed, every word that is spoken to us by God, if we will receive it, has power in it for us to do what He says, even the impossible.

I believe that Jesus is still looking for people who will not settle for the ordinary limitations, but will call out to the one for whom nothing is impossible to command us to "Come". He is looking for a people who will believe for the impossible in a world of limitations. Can you hear Him speaking to your heart "Come"?

The Seasons of our Lives

- SUNDAY**
Genesis 41:37-57
- MONDAY**
Exodus 1:1-22
- TUESDAY**
Exodus 2:1-10
- WEDNESDAY**
Exodus 2:11-25
- THURSDAY**
Exodus 3:1-12
- FRIDAY**
Exodus 3:13-22
- SATURDAY**
Exodus 4:1-17



As late August approaches, we might feel an occasional cool breeze some evenings or notice a lone leaf letting go as it drifts to the still warm ground. The poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, expressed it this way... "The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many."

Certainly, Autumn is not far behind. Soon the trees will be ablaze with glory. The mountains will change from green gowns into those of red and orange and gold. Summer will surely not leave without her annual encore.

Such are the "seasons" of our lives. Whether our days are bright with color or the days are gray and cold, God is there for us. After all, as the creator of the four seasons, doesn't He intend for our lives to mirror those seasons somewhat? When we trust Him in all circumstances, the Creator will attend to our human transitions as well. "Be urgent in season and out of season." [2 Timothy 4:2]

Won't you learn more about God's unfailing love as you worship Him this week? We must make our preparations now for the seasons of our lives.

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Patty and Kaitlyn Stapp, Linda Dempewolf of McCook, Neb., and Sunnie Fredrickson of Selden helped moved Kortney Stapp back to college in Iola on Aug. 14. On their way home Sunday they met Lee and Amber Dempewolf of Topeka for lunch. They are a niece and nephew of Patty and Linda's. A.W. and Evelyn Lyon celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19. Mail will reach them at the Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Dorothy Briener accompanied her daughter, Jennifer McKenna and sons, Carson, Kaid McKenna and Tyler Cook to Hutchinson for Dorothy's eye checkup and so the boys could swim at Aunt Jacque and Uncle Jeff McKenna's house. They took in the movie "The Sharks" and took a trip to the Cosmosphere.

The following verse was sent in to the News, announcing the return of one of our travellers: I used to live where I ain't no more, I've moved where I never was before; You know where I was, but now where I is, so here's the new address where 'tis; Marguerite Clark, 110 N. Dexter, Norcatgur, Kan., 67653.

Jay and Vi Gallentine have moved into a duplex as of Aug. 4 at 909 Quail Drive, Norton, Kan., 67654-1941.

People attending the Methodist Church Sunday morning had a pleasant surprise when the church was presented with a beautiful picture, "Guardian Angel," painted by Glenn Alexander. He is 97 years young, and paints with a steady hand and with excellent sight. Come and see this wonderful painting.

Another change of address, starting Aug. 1: John Rubendall, 803 12th Avenue, Franklin, Neb., 68939.

The Norcatgur News crew wishes Lacey Roe good luck in school. She helped put out the newsletter during the summer.

Judy (Magers) Easton visited Rea and Dee Magers on Aug. 12. Judy is Rea's niece.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Velda Ward - Aug. 18; Lois Wentz, A.W. and Evelyn Lyon - Aug. 19;

Anetta Knapp, Rodney New - Aug. 20; Albert and Mary Sedlmayer - Aug. 21; Lora Arnold - Aug. 22; Kristi Gallentine - Aug. 23; Mark Bailey - Aug. 24.

Susan Bolek and daughter Sara, from Valapraiso, Ind., were here visiting her parents, Lee and Lora Arnold, and her brother and wife, John and Brenda Arnold.

Rea and Dee Magers attended the New Almelo Bazaar on Saturday evening, Aug. 14. The food was delicious and the auctioned quilts were beautiful.

The Norcatgur library is in need of 3-4 new shelves. The ones we have now are warped and in bad shape. The cost for one shelf is about \$200, including lumber and labor. If you would like to help with this project, send your donations to Lois Wentz, RR 1, Box 88, Norcatgur, Kan., 67653, or through the Citizen's Alliance, c/o Dennis Leichter. Please note that the money is for bookshelves.

The Norcatgur Pre-school is looking for kids to enroll for the 2004-05 school year. Contact Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344.

IvaLee McAllister Wilson from Westminster, Colo., has donated some great pictures and other information to the Norcatgur Museum.

A belated 16th surprise birthday party for M.J. Dempewolf was held on Friday night, Aug. 13, at the County Line Café. Classmates and other friends helped M.J. celebrate, enjoying playing pool, eating pizza and singing karaoke.

The funds raised for Dennis Kasson at the benefit pancake feed held Aug. 12 were greatly appreciated. Any additional funds may be sent in their name to Box 10, Norcatgur, Kan., 67653.

Bob Rapp wrote, in part: The Norcatgur people have always been very considerate of other people, which makes it such a great town to live in. . . . I am gradually getting better. After an operation for spinal stinosis, I have graduated from a wheelchair to a walker and now am using a cane. I can walk around the house without the cane, not very fast and not without grabbing hold of furniture, but it makes me feel independent and that I have progressed. Our goal is to be home for the Alumni Banquet.

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Avis Wolfe attended the Wolfe Reunion at Holbrook, Aug. 8.

Joan McLaughlin drove to Denver on Saturday, where she attended the wedding reception of her grandson that evening.

Jim and Becky Holtze drove to Rochester, Minn., on Monday where Becky had doctor's appointments on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mayo Clinic. The doctors were well-pleased with her improvement. Jim and Becky were Wednesday overnight guests of her brother Craig Moore and wife JoAnne, at Eagle, Neb. Thursday, they drove to Wichita to see Dennis Kasso and wife Sandy. The Holtzes returned home on Friday.

Joan McLaughlin's daughter and family, Jeff and Judy Wallace arrived Thursday afternoon returning from a family reunion in Missouri. They left Friday afternoon for their home in Montrose, Colo.

Weekend guests of Velma Holtze were her daughter Ivalene Simmons of Oshkosh, and grandson and family, Russell, Michelle, and baby Elissa of Hays. Saturday morning, Velma and Ivalene visited Margaret and Dean Brown. Ivalene spent that afternoon with her sister, Margene Holtze of

Cambridge, Ken, Carla Holtze visited the group on Sunday afternoon.

The Kendall Rices had a great time Friday and Saturday with their grandchildren, Casey, Kalen and Katie Anderson of Loomis and Austin, Ryan and Spencer Rice. Saturday evening Austin was in the cast for the Children's Theater at McCook in the production, "Pinocchio". Going to McCook for this were the Bart Andersons, Loomis, Scott and Jan Rice, Kendall and Virginia Rice, the Steve Rice family and the Bob Gardners of Beaver City.

Shelynn Holliday of McCook, granddaughter of Bob and Connie Holiday, was also in the same production. Connie had stayed with her granddaughters last week while their parents, Robbie and Kim, had been on vacation.

Curtis and Evelyn Kasson have spent a few days at their home but plan to return to Wichita on Tuesday to be with their son, Dennis and wife, Sandy. They report that, though Dennis has a long way to go, he is showing improvement.

Allen and Connie Wilson and Rilee Park went to Kearney on Saturday to visit Kim and Josh Townsend in their new home. Connie had been there a few weeks ago to assist them in the moving.

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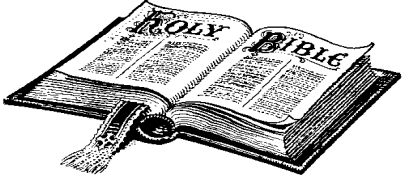
By ESTHER MARBLE

August 14 and 15 weekend guests of Rita Bieber of Calvert were John Bieber, Wichita; Chris Bieber, Kansas City and Barbara Wassinger of Ness City. Rita's brother Don Moody of Norton was

a Sunday dinner guest. Barbara returned home early Sunday afternoon. John left Sunday later and Chris stayed over until Tuesday. He and John had two days of work at Norton Corrections.



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