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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

The Judge Asked, "And What Changed Your Life?" From Community Full Gospel Church

Randall Veach lives in Nashville, Tenn. His mother raised him in church, however, he refused to surrender his heart and life over to Jesus Christ. He was a rebellious teenager and had a violent temper. Years of the party scene and bar fighting had left him broken, empty, and addicted to drugs. All of his teen years were wasted searching for the ultimate high. His life of sin did not help him find what he was looking for. The drugs, clubs, alcohol, and women just sent him further into an angry state of depression. The lures of the world, the passions of the flesh and the deceptions of the devil were unable to fulfill their promises of a better life. He could no longer face his family.

At age 26 he found himself standing in front of a judge facing an array of charges including intent to sell cocaine. He was caught also trying to smuggle drugs into a federal prison. If found guilty he would have been facing a maximum 20 years in federal prison.

Randall's attorney had heard of the powerful ministry of Teen Challenge, but he had never met anyone who had gone through this Christ centered ministry. The District Attorney wanted to provide Randall with the opportunity to complete the program. So Randall was given the opportunity to go to Teen Challenge of the Rocky Mountains with the understanding that he must complete the program and then return to court.

While in jail Randall accepted Christ as his personal Savior and Lord. It was then at Teen Challenge where he learned how to become a true disciple of Christ. After eleven months of being at Teen Challenge of the Rocky

Mountains in Denver, Randall can now face his family and he writes, "My entire life I felt hopeless and hollow. Now I am overwhelmed with joy and hope because I have met Jesus. Because of the miraculous transformation that has happened in my life I have no choice but to tell others about Him. Man, what an awesome world we would have if everyone knew the fullness of a life with Christ as his or her Lord and Savior."

Randall made it through the Teen Challenge ministry program and went to his court proceedings in Nashville. The judge asked, "And what changed your life?" Randall said, "My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!" He went on to say "I have been an addict most of my life. In jail I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. Teen Challenge allowed the discipleship to take place in my life."

The judge asked him about his addiction. Randall told her that in Teen Challenge the problem is viewed as a sin problem rather than a disease and holds the individual accountable. The judge reduced all the charges and imposed a sentence of 11 months and 29 days of unsupervised probation.

This is an open door for Randall to pursue the call of God on his life to become a missionary!

Many have found the forgiveness and faithful deliverance from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ. Come and hear others share their testimony of Christ's love working through Teen Challenge at Living Word Church or Community Full Gospel Church.

Divine Gravity

"What goes up...must come down?"

You might just question the punctuation at the end of the preceding sentence. "Isn't this Isaac Newton's indisputable law of gravity? Who are you to question this? You must be...well, kidding, I hope!"

We are not questioning Mr. Newton's law. As the title says, this subject is one of "divine gravity". This concept does not depend on earthly laws of physics. It depends upon our spiritual attitude.

Situations and events in our earthly experience do not have to determine whether we are feeling "up" or "down". Of course, as humans, we have normal reactions of happiness and sadness, but when we have faith in God's wisdom and the accomplishment of His will in our lives, our spirits continue to soar, not bound by earthly events.

We read in the first lines of Psalm 121... "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence my help comes...from God who made the heavens and the earth." Won't you offer up your soul to God's divine power in worship this week? Your spirit will soar when you give your heart to your Heavenly Father...and all of earth's concerns will not get you down.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Romans 5:1-11	Romans 5:12-21	Romans 6:1-14	Romans 6:15-23	Romans 15:1-13	John 11:1-16	John 11:17-44

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On April 6, the Saint Francis of Assisi Church held one of two masses in remembrance of Pope John Paul II. One of the masses held was for the children in the parish to pay their respects to the Pope. Each child signed their name on a banner and it was then placed with flowers next to his portrait in front of the church. —Photo by Bernice Becker

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS
Family get together

One of the first Easter meals was held at the Kenneth Holtze home on Saturday evening. Coming for the meal and fun were their children, Rhonda, LaVern Banzhaf and family, Brad, Renee Holtze and boys of Cambridge and Kendra, Russell Hoagland and boys of Hastings and Kenneth's mother, Velma Holtze.

Spending Sunday at the Kendall Rice home were their children, Shari and Bart Anderson and family of Loomis, Steve and Peg Rice and boys and Scott and Jan Rice.

Doug and Mary Palmer and family and Brent and Colleen Ballou and family spent Sunday at the women's mother, Carolyn O'Brien's at Cambridge where they were joined by their sisters, Cindy and family of Kearney and Kathy and family of Grand Island.

Margene and Velma Holtze drove to Holdrege after church to enjoy Easter dinner with Velma's granddaughter, Carlene Simmons and Caden. They joined Caroline's mother, Ivalene Simmons of Oshkosh and her brothers James Simmons of Chadron, Richard Simmons, Christian and Lindi of North Platte, Russell and Michelle Simmons and Elissa of Hays. Also, there for the day were Chris Erickson of Holdrege and his mother, Peggy Goth of Axtell.

Dean and Margaret Brown were dinner guests in the home of their daughter, Deanna and Bob Propes of rural McCook. Other guests were the Propes, daughter, Anita and their son, Scott.

Kenny Sears of Colorado, the Gary Brown family and the Bill Lewis family drove to Kearney after church where they were guests in the home of their sister, Kris Ahlemeyer.

The company in the Merlin and Mary Wilmot home this weekend has been; Shawn, Madison and Christal Whitsnine of Holdrege, Randy and Lori Clooz of Franklin, Neb., Lee Wilmot and Lexi of Beaver City, Rex and Josalyn Wilmot of Lebanon and Rick Bethel of Wilsonville.

Delbert and Laurie Laws traveled to Minden, Neb., to spend Easter weekend with their daughter Shelly, her husband Rick and their son Austin. The Anderson's and Laws families spent Saturday checking out local antique shops and Saturday evening coloring Easter eggs with Austin.

Several Wilsonville families attended the breakfast for the Bill Ellis family at Lebanon Sunday. Mrs. Ellis was injured recently in a car accident and is hospitalized at Madonna in Lincoln. Velma Holtze accompanied Kenneth and Carla Holtze to Cambridge Sunday evening to the special AWANA Awards evening at the Baptist Church. This organization does an outstanding ministry to approximately 35-40 children as they memorize scriptures and learn Bible truths. This was the last meeting until September.

Margene Holtz has assisted with the program this year and grandchildren, Kayla and Krayton Banzhaf and Josh Holtze are among the children who have benefited from this program. Also attending were Paul and Joanne tenBensel whose grandson, Caleb

tenBensel also received awards. Rilee Park, Brittany Brown, Whitney Rice and Katie Ballou, students from Wilsonville community attend the State Future Business Leaders of America Conference in Omaha sponsored by Alicia Abbott, the group's advisor. Other adults attending from Cambridge were Jackie Keyser who helped sponsor and Jeff Ommert and Margene Holtze who assisted with the conference.

The week before Ashley and Brett Palmer and Brian Ballou attended the State FFA Conference in Lincoln. Mary Palmer accompanied the Cambridge chapter as an adult sponsor.

Married 50 Years

Warren and Arlene Rice celebrated 50 years of wedded life recently. They were married March 4, 1955 here in Wilsonville. On Saturday afternoon, all the family, except one grandson, began gathering at McCook where they enjoyed a wonderful time together, reminiscing, fellowshiping and eating a delicious supper. Those attending were daughter, Cindi and Mark Milligan and son, Stephan of Evergreen, Colo. and their daughter, Elisa and Robert Johnson and three children from the military base at Crocker, Mo.; daughter, Tina and Gordon Cook, their son, Courtney, and daughters, Alexis and Meghan and special friend, all from Scottsbluff; sons, Terry and Tammy Rice and Tony and Patty Rice and Whitney and Catlin all of Wilsonville and Terry's daughters, Angela Rice and fiancé, Travis from Iowa; and Rosanne and Alex Elizondo and Jepheth of Omaha; and Ton's son Travis Rice and friend, Christina of Hastings; and daughter, Ashley Rice of Beatrice.

Improvement Meeting

Only seven people showed up for the Wilsonville Village Improvement meeting held at the City Hall, April 5. President Carolyn Park presided at the meeting when several things were discussed. Jim Ellis has looked at several lighting needs and will be submitting a bid for the work. Barb Baca contacted Roy Patterson about getting wood chips to be used in flower beds at the park. Tim Baca has contacted Mike Tracy about spraying weeds in the village, which he will do. Virginia Rice and Pat Yost reported on their findings as members of the Tree and Shrub committee. They had definite kinds and prices which fit advice given them by one in the nursery business. The group voted to proceed with this project. Three trees are to be planted in the park this week and members will be planting shrubs. Barb had also contacted Conrad Massey about suggestions for the park and asked for a bid for grass planting.

Clean-Up Week

Clean-Up week was set for the week of May 7-11. It is hoped and will be greatly appreciated if every property owner will at least work on his own property and perhaps lend a hand for some of the other work. It was decided not to enter the "Keep Nebraska Beautiful" competition. Letters are still being sent to owners of cluttered lots, but as yet the Village has not received any response. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.

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