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Suffering vs Glory

Brothers and sisters, life is painful. I guess I didn't really have to tell you that. Some years ago a rabbi by the name of Harold S. Kushner wrote a book called <u>When Bad Things Happen To Good People</u>. I'm not sure how he came up with the title of his book, but I guess the real question that should be asked is, "Why do bad things happen to everybody?"

The Bible tells us that it rains on the just as well as the unjust. Listen, we are fallen people living in a fallen world. And fallen people living in a fallen world will have to deal with difficulty.

When we talk about the fact that life is painful, I would like to suggest to you that the greatest pain that we can feel is the pain that's inflicted upon us by other people. Brothers and sisters, the closer they are to us and the more we love them, the greater their ability to inflict pain on us. Listen, God has called us to enter into all kinds of relationships, and because of that, we have a high degree of vulnerability and susceptibility.

But that's the nature of the Christian life. On the one hand we are immense with privileges, and on the other hand we have enormous sufferings. The Christian life is a call to glory through the pathway of suffering.

The mystery of human suffering will not be solved completely in this life. Sometimes we suffer simply because we are human. Our bodies change as we grow older, and we are susceptible to the normal problems of life. The same body that can bring us pleasure can also bring us pain. The same family members and friends that delight us can also depress us.

Sometimes we suffer because we are foolish and disobedient to the Lord. And other times we suffer because it's just part of God's plan. In His grace, God forgives our sins; but in His providence He permits sufferings so we can grow. In His grace He gives us the room to deal with both. Remember God said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee:" Paul's thorn in the flesh (suffering) was given to him to keep him from being proud.

Remember, your suffering is the path to glory; and we're on the path to glory!

Peter writes in **1 Peter 4:13 (KJV)** ¹³ But rejoice, in as much as ye are **partakers of** (Continued from Page 1) **Christ's sufferings**: that, when **his glory** shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If you're going to be one of those who reign with Him, share in His glory, you're going to be one of those who suffer with Him. **2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV)** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

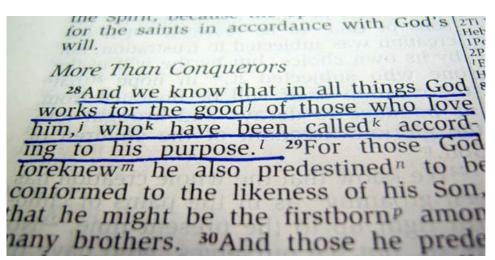
May I give you a very important theological truth? There is no salvation without justification, and no justification without glorification. But between our justification and glorification there are our afflictions. Our salvation embraces our past, present and our future.

Listen, our suffering comes from men; but our glory comes from God. There's no comparison. Our suffering is earthly. Our glory is heavenly. Our suffering is short. Our glory is for forever. Our suffering is light. Our glory is heavy. Our suffering is in this human body. Our glory's in the total perfection of personhood.

Matthew 5:11-12 (KJV)

- ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Pastor Robert and Lady Bessie Herring, Sr.



Prayer and Supplication for our Pastor

Oh God, our Lord, our Shepherd, our Savior, we pause again to lift this Petition on behalf of our Pastor.

Father we pray that you lead him down the paths of Your choosing daily, keeping him calm in mind, body and spirit, so that he will continuously feel Your touch and hear Your voice.

Lord we pray that You will banish all sickness and disease from his body as You fill him with Your power, love and presence. Now God we pray that You would encase Your word, the elixir of his life, in his heart, keep it molded into his spirit as he daily shares Your word with Your people.

As we close this prayer, we pray for his family. God we pray that You keep their faith strong and their minds open, so that they will avoid the pitfalls of seeing the world through the eyes of discouragement.

We close this prayer, praising and thanking God, as we focus on the Giver and not the gift. In Jesus's name, Amen and Amen.

P. Cross

Home Remedies

Here are a couple Home Remedies that may give you some respite to your daily fatigue:

1) By using these ingredients, you may find yourself ready for some relaxation:

2 cups of Epsom salts; 2 cups of Kosher salt; 2 tbsp. of Potassium Chloride.

Mix the ingredients together in a bowl, and pour the mixture under the warm running water of your bathtub's tap. Once the solids start to dissolve, climb in. The sodium in the salts and potassium will recharge the minerals that your body has throughout the day. Plus, you'll feel more relaxed and energized than you ever thought possible!

Try it, you will be surprised.

2) Here is another mixer that will soothe away stress:

1/2 cup of non-fat dry milk; 1/4 cup of cornstarch; 1 tsp. of vanilla extract.

Combine the ingredients, then pour the mixture into running bathwater. Sink into the milky bath, and soften your skin while you're soothing your mind with wonderful vanilla aroma.

D Gosine

Living Well with Diabetes

Saturday, March 12th, the Duval County Health Dept held a Diabetes workshop at the Moncrief Community Center. This workshop covered all the aspects of the disease, Diabetes.

When your Diabetes or sugar level is too high, over time this can cause health problems including damage to the heart, kidneys, eyes and feet. The key to managing your diabetes is knowing your body. You should always know your number goals; these are Blood Glucose or sugar, Blood pressure, Cholesterol and blood lipid, which is your LDL (bad cholesterol should be less than 100) and HDL (good cholesterol should be 40mg in men and 50 mg in women).



When you are a diabetic you have to change your eating habits and enjoy your favorite foods in moderation. Starches, sugar and fiber all play an important role in eating healthy. You need to eat carbohydrates daily, but knowing what foods contain can help maintain your sugar levels. The main types of carbohydrates are starches, sugar and fiber. Starches are found in grains, vegetables and beans; natural sugars are found in fruits and dairy products. Processed foods, sodas and most desserts contain added sugars. Fiber comes from vegetable or plant foods, whole grains, beans, peas and many

nuts. When preparing your meals, trim fat off meats before cooking, then broil, steam, bake or grill meat and vegetables instead of frying. Also, use olive or canola oil and don't use cream or butter based sauces when cooking.

This class not only provided great information; they checked your blood pressure, sugar levels and examined your feet to measure your extremities' blood circulation. Meals were also included to show how to count carb intake. There is no cure for diabetes, but it can be managed. Make sure you have a good working meter to check your blood glucose. Balancing the food you eat with exercise and medicine (if prescribed) will help you control your weight and can keep your blood glucose in check. To find out more about diabetes check out: http://www.diabetes.org.





150th Anniversary is Here!!!!!!

The time has finally arrived for Mt. Bethel to celebrate the blessing of the Lord. For the past six months we have announced the 150th Anniversary, committees were formed and plans have been made. So now it's time to enjoy this grand celebration.

**Sunday May 1^{st -} All 150th Anniversary Payments are due. See Bro Terence Wright and Sis Mattie Taylor.

Saturday May 21^{st -} Kicking off this sesquicentennial celebration is a Concert at 6:30 pm, tickets are \$20.00. Performance by The Celebration Choir featuring National Gospel Recording

Artist, Beverly Crawford

Saturday May 28^{th -} Mt. Bethel Dinner

Theater 7:00 pm, ticket
price \$25.00 with the
performance of

"Mt. Bethel Rising" by
Dea. Randall Rogers.

Menu: Soul Food



Saturday June 4^{th -} Mt. Bethel Picnic 11:00 am
at Lonnie Miller Park, the ticket price - \$20.00.
Members will be provided a wrist band to enjoy the picnic meal.
Menu: BBQ Ribs/Chicken, Fried Fish, Salad, etc....

Saturday June 11th Mt. Bethel Banquet 6:00 pm at the Prime Osborn Center, an "Evening of Dining with the Stars" Tickets \$125.00 (Formal affair).

Sunday June 12^{th -} Sunday Services 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 4:00pm. Colors are White and Black with Silver accessories.

Sunday June 22^{nd -} Dedication Service for the S.A. Thomas Family Life Center (Time TBA)

M Taylor

Thought Of The Month

Peace: It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.



The Woman Beside the Man, Part 1 Sister Claudine Isolene Williams-Williams

In 1928, Rev. Benjamin Willie Williams, a South Carolinian, was called to pastor Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Young and single, and well aware that he would need a helpmeet for the task that God had assigned him, he found such a woman in Claudine I. Williams, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A.O. and Theresa Williams. They were wed in 1935, and this young bride was warmly welcomed by the fellowship. (As one can note, she didn't have to change her last name.)

In those days, a pastor's wife was rarely called "First Lady" as is done today, but was just as respected and loved. Sis. Williams had a special affection for children, and taught public school prior to her marriage and after the death of her husband. She carried herself in such a way that knowing her was to love her. She was an encourager to many, and together Rev. and Sis. Williams made a special team. During this time Mt. Bethel's main worship services were on First and Third Sundays, as Rev. Williams also pastored St. Paul Baptist Church, Baldwin, FL, whose main services were on Second and Fourth Sundays.

Sis. Williams taught Sunday School, gave private piano lessons, operated the church kindergarten, and served as one of the church musicians. Besides that, she was an excellent seamstress, and crocheted exquisite items for home, as well as hats and purses. She worked faithfully along with her husband in both churches. Mt. Bethel was in the Emanuel Progressive Association, of which Rev. Williams was Moderator until he passed away in September 1961. St. Paul was affiliated with the Union St. James Association, and Sis. Williams served as President of the Women's Auxiliary. She was also 2nd Vice President of the Women's Auxiliary, Florida General Baptist Convention; served on the Finance Committee of the National Baptist Convention, USA; directed the Florida Baptist Youth Camp; and was President Emeritus of the Baptist Ministers' Wives Alliance. Sis. Williams continued to support Mt. Bethel in any way that she could. Having been one of my music teachers, she mentored me as I developed as a church worker and musician.

After Rev. Williams' passing, Sis. Williams had to learn how to drive. He had always done the

driving. This major accomplishment would enable her to travel more freely, as she had begun teaching again in the public school system. As time passed, she relinquished many of her responsibilities due to serious medical issues. However, her main desire was to see her daughter, Lynda (Anderson), graduate from Morris Brown College. In 1973, she made it to Atlanta, Ga, weak but determined, and watched with pride and tears in her eyes as Lynda marched to the podium to receive her B.S. degree in Home Economics. After joyfully witnessing that event, Sis. Williams' final assignment was completed, and just one month later she answered the Master's call when He said on July 1, 1973, "Servant of God, Well Done." Sis. Claudine Isolene Williams, we salute you.

Ma Bell



"Candlelight Ceremony"

Students of Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church were spotlighted in the Annual Candlelight Ceremony, which was held on the fourth Sunday in April. Two students representing the 12th grade were Richard Hill IV, attending Paxon School for Advanced Studies, and Tamia Bradley, attending First Coast High School. Our 11th grade participant was Stevonya Brooks, attending Paxon School for Advanced Studies. Our participating 10th graders were Vicky Barney and Alonzo Davis, Jr., attending Paxon School for Advanced Studies, and Savion Green and Damontre Green, attending First Coast High School. Ninth grade participants were Anthony Barney, Jr., attending Paxon School for Advanced Studies, Mekyah Reed, attending The Vine Homeschool Co-op, and Farand Lockett II, attending First Coast High School.

Congratulations to all of Mt. Bethel's Senior High Students for their school achievements and participation in activities this year. We pray that God will elevate them to reach their goals. Please remember to recognize and encourage our youth.

Mother Lewis





Difference Between Jr and II

It is human nature to want to have your offspring be like you or someone older in the family. The most common manifestation of this nature is naming a newborn after his father or another family member in the hopes that he would be as great as the one that preceded him. This is very evident in the name of old kings like Henry IV (the fourth), Henry V (the fifth), and so on. But, there is a bit of confusion in naming the second in line as it is possible to use II (the second) and JR (Junior).

Although these things are not set in stone, there are common rules in whether you should use II or JR in naming a child. JR is to be used when the child is going to have the same name as his father. The father would then have to add SR (Senior) to his name in order to distinguish between the two of them. It is also stated that the child must have an identical name to his father; including the middle name. It is also expected that the father still be living when naming the child JR.

On the other hand, II is to be used when the child would be taking the name of a family member other than his father. It could be an uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so forth. It is not necessary that the child have the same middle name as the elder family member in order to be the second.

The need for these suffixes stemmed from the older times when naming was not as systematic as it is today. In modern society, there is no need to even follow these conventions and as previously said, there is no fixed rule about this and you can use either in naming a child.

Summary:

Both are used to identify that the person is the second in the family to have the name.

Jr. is used when the son has the same name as the father.

The second (II) is used when the elder family member is anyone other than the father.

Info from http://www.differencebetween.net/

The implication is that the last name will only be repeated once with the Jr. designation. The II means the name can repeat itself until you run out of Roman Numerals (a doubtful prospect.)
(My father was named Jr. and my brother was named III.)

Jr. means the bearer of the name shares it with his parent.

Il can mean that the bearer was named for anyone with the same name (not necessarily his parent) and he is the second with the name.

For example, Bill had two sons Bill Jr. and Charlie II. Bill Jr. is named for Daddy and Charlie II is named for Great Uncle Charlie.

Info from https://answers.yahoo.comhttps://answers.yahoo.com

George Foreman - a proud dad with three of his sons: (L-R) George IV, aka "Bigwheel"; George III, aka "Monk"; and George Jr.



MT. Bethel History

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Rev Wright Robinson
Rice
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POSITIVE MESSAGE

Who Is Your First Love?

Have you ever found yourself so overtaken by someone's love that you stop thinking correctly? All day every day you sit thinking about this particular person. You wonder what they are doing, what they are wearing, or when you will see them again. When the phone rings your heart begins to race in great anticipation. Have you ever found yourself devoting all of your time and energy to one person until everything else in life becomes secondary? In your eyes the sun rises and sets with this person. Even God has become a second thought in your life. You once knocked the church doors down to get in but now you miss more Sundays than ever. Your prayer life has diminished. Your worship and praise for God has been substituted for compliments and sweet words for this person.

Please never forget where love starts. (1 John 4:8 - *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love*). The love we have for others derives out of our love for the Master.

Who Is Your First Love? Who keeps the smile on your face each day? Who do you think about all the time? Who do you aim to please and satisfy? While God blesses us to enjoy relationships He does not bless our relationships so that they can become our top priorities. He must always remain first. (Revelation 2:4 - Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love). Have you left your first

love? It is not that person you dated years ago, or the person who circled yes on the note you sent in the middle of class, or not that person who wrote you a short poem or gave you one red rose.

Who Is Your First Love? Who keeps you believing things will get better? Who enables you to see beyond the current problems in your life? Who comforts you when everything in life appears impossible? To be in love with Jesus is the best thing that could ever happen to you. This is a love that accepts us as we are. This is a love that does not see where you are, but where you are going. This is a love that receives the faults and failures that accompany you. This is a love that enables you to get back up again. (Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us).

Who do you know that can love you like this? JESUS CAN! When everything seems chaotic and out of control reassess your life. Make sure you have not lost sight of your First Love.



D Bell



'Church Humor'



Shared by J&P

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS May 2016

THE GIFT OF FAITH UNIT III: Fullness of Faith

May 1st Increasing Faith Luke 17:1-10

May 8th Grateful Faith Luke 17:11-19

May 15th Humble Faith Luke 18:9-14

May 22nd Childlike Faith Luke 18:15-27; Mark 10:16

May 29th Joyous Faith Luke 19:1-10



Poetry Cafe

Thankful

Ja'Cole D.

To open your eyes in the morning
And bring you in a breath of fresh air;
To know that it's a dawn of a new day
And God is always there

Someone somewhere is suffering, And dealing with unimaginable pain; They can't see past the darkness, All they see is clouds and rain.

You have been through your own storm,
So you know that God is real;
You know He will never leave nor forsake you,
And all hurt and sickness He can heal.

He is your heavenly Father and confidant
In the midst of any storm you may go through;
So raise your hands and give thanks
Because He has been so good to you.

Never fret or become weary,
Your battle is already won;
Be faithful to God and always be thankful
For everything he has done.



Mt. Bethel's Minister of music, Bro. Ricky Hill, is sending out this invitation to all past choir members and anyone else who would like to participate in our Celebration Choir for the upcoming 150th Anniversary of our church and the 20th Anniversary of our pastor. A nationally renown Gospel singer is our featured psalmist for the concert. Please pass the word along.

For additional information, please call the church office at 904-764-8032.

The rehearsal dates are as follows:

Saturday, April 30th at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 14th at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 18th at 6:45 P.M.

Looking forward to seeing you in rehearsal.



May 2016

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Sis. Andrea J. Davis	5/1
Bro. Leopold Green	5/1
Sis. Apryl McFadden	5/2
Sis. Mattie L. Taylor	5/3
Dea. Randolph Grant	5/4
Sis. Juanita Bradham	5/5
Bro. Alby (Joe) Grissom	5/6
Sis. Enricka James	5/6
Sis. Monet Mason	5/6
Sis. Bertha Monroe	5/7
Sis. Tammy Buchanan	5/9
Dea. William Thomas	5/11
Bro. Shanear Abbott	5/11
Sis. LaTonya Melton	5/12
Sis. Rushie Phillips	5/13
Sis. Chalya Grace	5/13
Sis. Vonda Benjamin	5/15
Bro. William Anderson	5/16
Sis. Janelle Taylor	5/17
Sis. Lada M.T. Henry	5/18
Bro. Dayjuan Prince	5/18
Sis. Kathy Johnson	5/19
Sis. Helen Curtis	5/20
Bro. Ali Green	5/20
Bro. Jamel Burkes	5/20
Sis. Tequia Davis	5/21
Sis. LaSheica Wilson	5/22
Sis. Johnnie P. Mathews	5/23
Sis. Stevonia Brooks	5/23
Sis. LaTosha Miledge	5/24
Dea. Ralph Wilson	5/26
Min. Robretta Campbell	5/27
Sis. Jacquelyn Woods	5/27
Sis. Sanaia Jackson	5/29
Sis. Teraney Wright	5/30
Sis. Nephiteria Monroe	5/30



May 2016

Phillip & Virgia Mills 5/5
Steven & Waynette Brooks 5/8
James & Daisy Gloster 5/10
Romero & Robin Lee 5/19
Standford & Barbara Harrity 5/23
Bobby & Elaine Smiley 5/26
Eddie & Ruthie Prime 5/29



Members

WHAT A JOY IT IS TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

STEPHANIE BLAIR	1/24/2016
DORIS WILDER	3/4/2016
JAHSYIAH BURNS	3/16/2016
JAH'REE RODGERS	3/16/2016
ASHTON HARRIS	3/27/2016
JORDAN GREENE	4/3/2016
RODERICIA WILKINSON	4/10/2016
WILLIAM WILKERSON	4/10/2016

^{*}Purposely find these new members and welcome them to the Mt. Bethel Family.

MT. BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 2016

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