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Blog/Weekend Teaching:
This Weeks Blog

“Then there were Three”

We have recently come through a period of bible history originally known as the Passover. Reflecting on the noble life of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, the Bible focuses more on the story of creation, sin and the restoration of man to God through reconciliation made possible by Christ's birth, death and resurrection: Salvation History, as I like to refer to it.

With this in mind, let us look at the passage in Luke 24:13-35, where Jesus encountered two disciples on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection.

Jesus approached them and asked, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" (Luke 24:17).

The two disciples did not recognize Him, and they were surprised by His question as the news of Jesus's crucifixion spread fast throughout Jerusalem. They even stated, "We had hoped that he [Jesus] was the one to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:21).

Jesus answered them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26).

Then Jesus did an amazing thing! Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself (Luke 24:27).

He taught them the whole Gospel!

Then Jesus went with them to the village they were traveling to and broke bread with them. It was then that their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him.

What an amazing Scripture passage! However, it does not end there.

After He vanished before their eyes, they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32).

That very hour, the two disciples went to Jerusalem and met with the eleven disciples of Jesus and others who were with them and shared what had happened to them on the road to Emmaus. They declared, "THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED!"

Scripture reveals God's plan to redeem humanity. My heart is warmed by this fact of God's passion to save a sinner like me. It is God's story, His whole story. It also becomes our story as God invites us into His family, and we are called the children of God. As the children of God, we share in His Kingdom and in making His Word known to a lost and dying world!



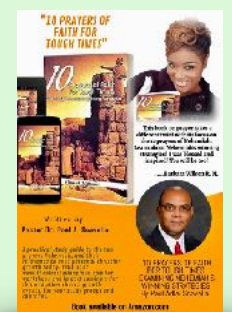
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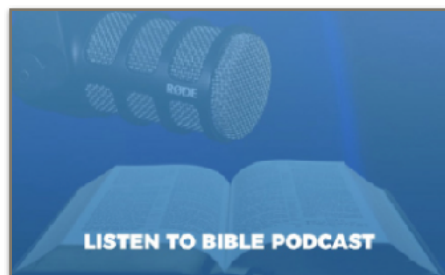
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"Then there were Three", continued

Please read Luke 24 this week and be encouraged as I was.

Moreover, in the future, let me invite you to lay aside the Easter Bunny and excessive candy and teach your children the true story of Christ's resurrection and how it was prophesied long ago that the Savior of the world must "*suffer these things and enter into His glory!*" (Luke 24:26).

Thank you for your prayers and support as iBlossom Newsletter continues to encourage lives to walk this journey with us. I am so grateful for your prayerful support.

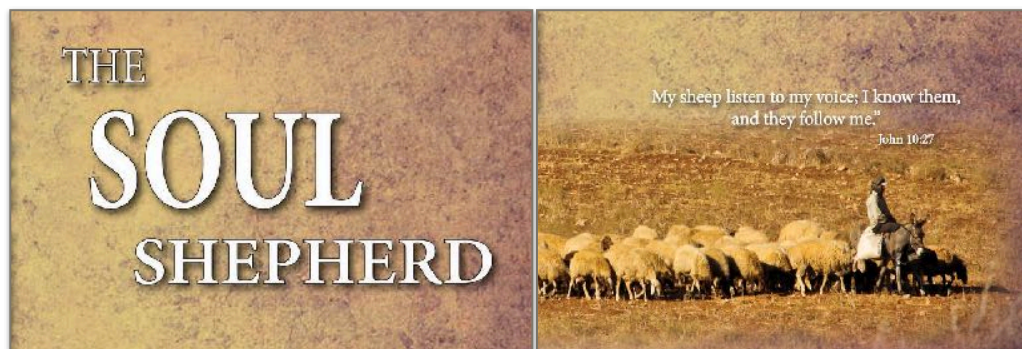


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"My Sheep Listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27



Fitness Matters

A few years ago, in Orlando Florida I attended a health conference where John and Millie Youngberg were presenters. They shared with the class wellness factors that help in winning at a healthier you:

Mind/Spirit	Health	
Love Command Centre	Nutrition	Appreciation
		Family
Hope	Exercise	Facing Crisis
New You	Water	Communication
Trust	Sunlight	Conflict
Forgiveness	Freedom/Addictions.	Close Ties
Joy of Service.	Air/Rest	Social Support

Fundamentals of Education

What would your response be to this statement by Ellen G White and how would you support or not support the statement?

Volume 3 of the Testimonies: "Parents should be the only teachers of their children until they have reached eight or ten years of age" (p. 137; italics supplied).



Family Togetherness

Seven Pillars of a happy home.

Pillar 5

Interest in common with each other.
Amos 3:3

"Christian sociability is altogether too little cultivated by God's people.... Those who shut themselves up within themselves, who are unwilling to be drawn upon to bless others by friendly associations, lose many blessings; for by mutual contact, minds receive polish and refinement; by social intercourse, acquaintances are formed and friendships contracted which result in a unity of heart and an atmosphere of love which is pleasing in the sight of heaven. Adventist Home, p. 457. A man who hath friends must himself be friendly.

Proverbs 18:24



Stay tuned for Pillar # 6

Financial Fitness

This week's financial Principle: Proverbs 13:11
Spend Less than you have. Sounds easy right,
but hard to do.

So, let's try it and see how it works out. If you
are able to do so this week, be willing to share
your story with us and what challenges you
faced. Email us at
theblossomingplace@gmail.com with your
story in this goal.



Quote of the Day

"We need not despair even in our worst, for our failures are forgiven. The only fatal thing is to sit down content with anything less than perfection." C.S. Lewis

Joke of the Day

A Very Faithful Woman

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"



POWERFUL PRAYERS

Powerful prayers all have what we call bubble words. What are bubble words? Bubble words are key words in a prayer. So, identify the key words in the following prayer. The bubble words are designed to help you remember the key thoughts in each prayer.

"Lord, teach me to rest in you and to trust in you. Guard my mouth and my actions so that I will reflect you in all that I say and do". Once you have identified the bubble words in the above prayer use those words not to create a five-to-seven-minute sermon. Share it with us. The first persons to share their prayer and sermon with us will have the prayer and the sermon published in an upcoming iBlossom newsletter.

2023 - Upcoming Events

April 21th

Friday night: Discipleship Coaching: on call with Dr. Paul. This week's guest is Dr. Bertram Melbourne
Topic: Discipleship in the book of Acts part 11. Topic: "Slow to Learn"

April 22nd

Streamed Live on our YouTube and FB pages. Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist Church's Anniversary Service.

April 27th and 28th

The sixtieth anniversary of the Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nassau Bahamas.



April 30th

Path to Life Official Webpage Launching.

June 21-28

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