

FIRST THINGS

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THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS

Pastor Rev. Powell



Have you been dealing with troubles so long that they've become normal? Has life caused you to be down so long that you forgot how to get up? Have you been blindsided by a situation and now you're having difficulty seeing a way out, way over, or way through. I ask because there are so many today who are dealing with all kinds of situations. They are dealing with some seemingly giant situations; situations that has intimidated them to a point where they are ready to accept defeat. It makes me think about the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 where David defeated Goliath with his sling shot and stone. But we must be mindful that before he defeated Goliath, Goliath was threatening and intimidating the people from Jerusalem, threatening them to a point where they were ready to give up. They feared the situation before them.

Yes, they were ready to give up until David who was small in size yet big in faith showed up on the scene. See, David didn't fear Goliath. He didn't fear the giant situation that was before him. The reason why he didn't fear his situation is

because he realized that he had someone who could fight his battle for him, someone who could empower him to deal with his situation. He had help. And like David who reminded his people that they weren't alone, on this day I want to remind you that you're not alone. There is someone who is ready to fight your battle if you allow Him to. You don't have to live in fear of your Goliath situation. David reassures us of this in 1 Samuel 17:47 that when facing our Goliath situations that the battle isn't ours, it's the Lords.

People, the battle is not yours, it is God's. Stop trying to fight on your own. Allow the Lord to lead you into battle. When God leads you, you will have the victory. You'll be like David who gathered five smooth stones and out of the five stones he only needed one to defeat the giant. People, it's time for you to get your stones and throw it at the Goliath that's trying to consume you. Throw that stone of

Just Hold On

For we strive to climb the mountains of our expectations
Seeking to conquer our Mount Fuji's
By using all the tools within us
Setting out for a path where there are no guarantees

Even though we do all we can
Hoping we make the right decision
To put ourselves in better positions
Things don't always pan out the way we plan

For there are times when we feel like giving up
Because the road we trod is just a little too much
Where it seems that our efforts to do better gives us bad result
Now we're to the point where we just had enough

So what should we do, where should we go
For our spirits are bothered as we seek answers not yet known
Causing us to sit with our head in our hands with sounds of moans
Because our thoughts are on roam like a cell phone

For we need to connect to our strong Tower
So we can receive transmission of power
For He is able to give us a charge for unlimited hours
He is still Jehovah -Jireh, Lord our provider

So even though sometimes the future doesn't seem clear or in reach
Although goals or dreams may seem to be on hold
Let us put our lives in God's hand
Just hold on a little while longer and know that blessings are about to unfold
Written by
Pastor C Nadir Powell

determination, that stone of resistance, that stone of perseverance, that stone of resilience, that stone of courage, that stone of faith. And again, know that the battle is not yours, it is the Lords. Amen.



Enjoying Life

By Emily Davis

The month of June brings many life celebrations. From the ending of the school year to graduations and weddings, we celebrate and enjoy life with friends and family. Within the book of Ecclesiastes, there is a theology of enjoyment. Enjoyment is described in a variety of ways: Enjoyment is a gift given by God.

Enjoyment is a lot or condition in life. It is a share or plot assigned by God. Enjoyment means God has already approved of what we do. It is a divine preapproval of our current actions.

Enjoyment is a command from God.

Enjoyment is God's answer to meaninglessness. It is God's answer to how "all is vanity," or how life is beyond human control.

Consider the following Scriptures:

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25, "There is nothing better for mortals

than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?"

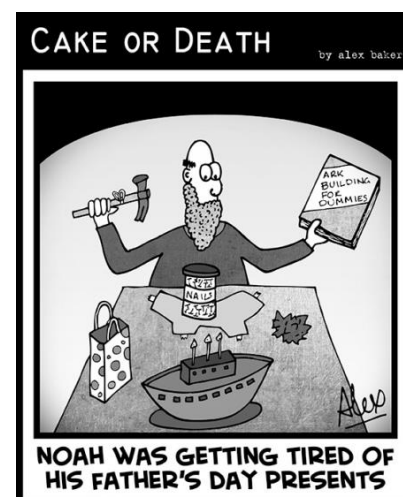
Ecclesiastes 5:18-19, "This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot. Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God."

Ecclesiastes 8:15a, "So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves."

Ecclesiastes 9:7, 9, "Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun."

Ecclesiastes calls us to celebrate life one moment at a time because so much of life is beyond our control. God is sovereign over all things—over time and eternity, over good and bad, and over the visible and the invisible. The

book of Ecclesiastes contains not just a theology of enjoyment but also a theology of life before God, the all sovereign God. Since God is in control, we are to be content, accepting what is good in life and enjoying it. Let us enjoy life this month, celebrating with friends and family because God has given enjoyment as a gift, a lot in life, a divine preapproval, a command, and an answer.



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter information is due the 15th of each month. Please make sure to have information to the church secretary by the due date. This is to make sure the newsletter is received by all members and friends prior to the Month of the newsletter. Thank you fbctsecy@yahoo.com



Congratulations to Emily and Tyler Davis on their graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary! God bless you!

NOTARY NEEDED?

Joanne Collins has recently been commissioned in the state of New Jersey as a notary public. . If a church member needs a letter notarized I can do this for you at no cost. Please call me at 609 815-9696, or seek me out after Church services

SENIOR MINISTRY

The next service at Hamilton Grove will be held on the 21st of June. Rev. Powell will be leading the service.

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Poetry in Motion

Sessions will be held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Rev. Powell at 732-277-3751 or Nekiel Butler at 609-712-3326.

Meals on Wheels

Please consider volunteering for Meals on Wheels, an organization that delivers food to seniors or homebound residents. If interested, please call 609-695-3483, send an e-mail to info@mowte.org, or go to Arc of Mercer building located at 105 Buttonwood Drive, Ewing Township, NJ 08638



Bible Study

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, at 6:30pm, we will have our bible study classes. All are welcome. For more information please contact Reverend Powell.

ABC Biennial Summit

American Baptist Churches USA biennial Mission Summit will take place in Overland, Kansas from June 26th- 28th. For those who would like to register, please go to www.americanbaptist2015.com

Vacation/Summit

Rev. Powell will be away the following dates:

June 4-June 11

June 26-29 attending the ABC Biennial Summit in Kansas

If anyone needs assistance during these dates, they can contact Minister Emily Davis.

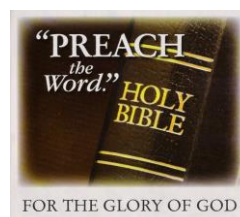
JUNE SERMONS

June 7 -- Exodus 3:1-6 - A Great Sight, Min. Emily Davis

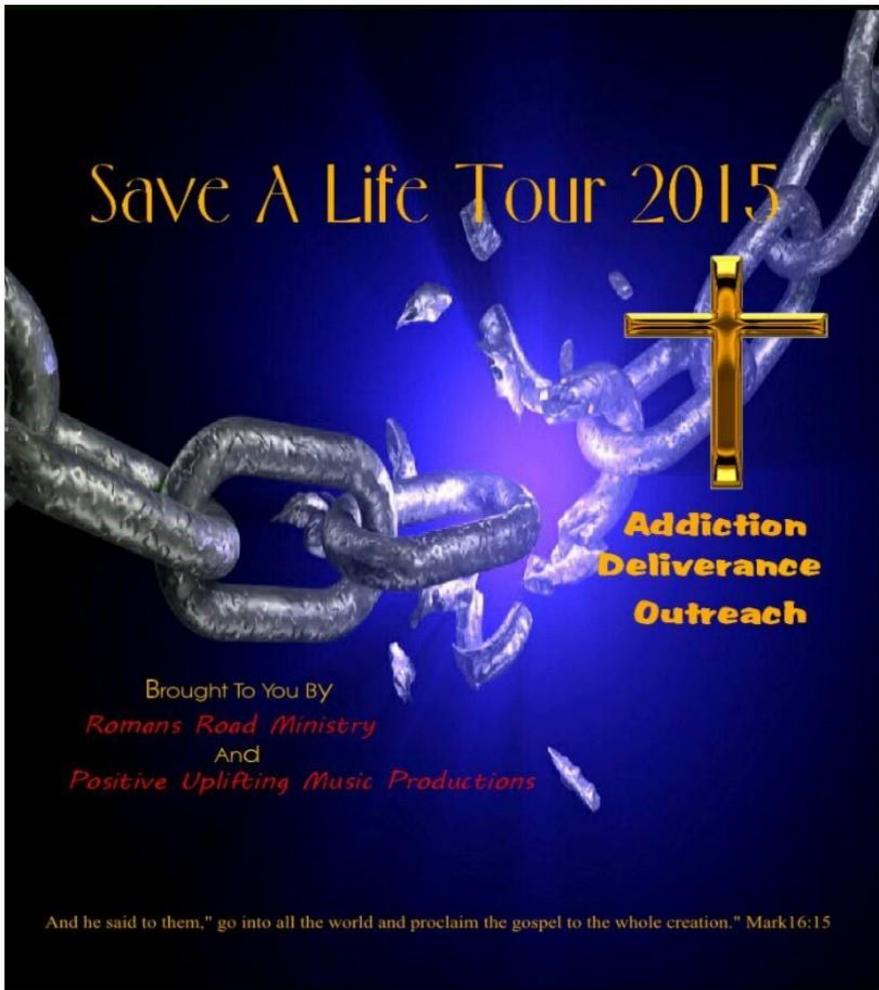
June 14 -- Mark 4:26-34 - Germination of the Heart, Rev. Powell

June 21 -- Faith Be Still Mark 4:35-41, Rev. Powell

June 28 -- Genesis 3:8-15 - Human Brokenness, Min. Emily Davis



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 2015	1 5:00 STSK	2 5:00 STSK	3 5:00 STSK	4 6:30 Choir Practice	5 6:30 Poetry in Motion	6
7 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Christian Ed Mtg.	8 5:00 STSK	9 5:00 STSK	10 5:00 STSK 6:30 Bible Study	11 6:30 Choir Practice	12	13
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**MUSIC FROM:
RIGHT TO BECOME
ROMANS ROAD
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**ALSO FEATURING:
KING RICHARD
PRECIOUS KEITT**



Saturday, July 11
1-6pm

First Baptist Church of Trenton
128 Centre St. Trenton, NJ 08611

FREE ADMISSION, FOOD, BEVERAGES

Special Guest Speaker:
RANDY
DonGIOVANNI



Dads and Sons - Match Dads with their Sons



Dads

- ___ 1. Abraham
- ___ 2. Isaac
- ___ 3. Jacob
- ___ 4. Elkanah
- ___ 5. Moses
- ___ 6. Manoah
- ___ 7. Joash
- ___ 8. David
- ___ 9. Jesse
- ___ 10. Zacharias
- ___ 11. Noah
- ___ 12. Boaz

Sons

- A. Gideon
- B. Samson
- C. David
- D. Joseph
- E. Esau
- F. John the Baptist
- G. Samuel
- H. Obed
- I. Shem
- J. Isaac
- K. Gershom
- L. Solomon

Bible Quiz

Whose statements were these?

1. "This my son was dead, and is alive again."
2. "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."
3. "Thou art my son: this day have I begotten thee."
4. "Who art thou, my son?"
5. "Thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him."

(answers: 1. The father of the prodigal son (Luke 15:24), 2 Abraham (Genesis 22:8)", 3. Psalm 2:7, quoted by Paul (Acts 13:33) 4. Jacob (Genesis 27:18), 5. David (I Chronicles 28:9)

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