

Reunion Devotion
“Jesus Christ, Our Only Foundation”
“Divine Creator, Live in Him”

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Saturday

Rock of My Salvation

By Jake Simmons

My first experience in prayer that I could say without a doubt was answered, came at a time when my employment was uncertain. Having gone to the Lord with this concern the words, which I took to be from my Master, "Seek ye first the Kingdom," came to me. I knew well the meaning of those words. As they related to my job situation, the constant and continual reassurance of that message has accompanied me as new opportunities to serve and grow have been afforded me.

Another experience that I have related to the one just mentioned came years later while at work. A new wing was being added to our hospital. As the finish work was being added, one of the craftsman called me into the room in which he had been laying tile. A lead ferrule with a cap on it was sitting on the floor. He had cut and laid tile around this with great care only to find the plumber had failed to pick it up after finishing his work in this room.

As the years have come and gone I've looked back and remembered to check before

“That ye might know of the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven, and of earth, the Creator of all things, from the beginning; and that ye might know of the signs of His coming, to the intent that ye might believe on His name.”

Helaman 5:66



I build to see if that which I would build my life around is permanent.

It is my abiding testimony that as I've built around Jesus Christ there has come neither regret nor sorrow for He is the rock of my salvation

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Since the whole creation testifies of God, and is designed to lead men to Him, the command has been given that men should use “the things of this world in the manner designed of God.” What is “the manner designed of God?” Jesus Christ has the adequate and final answer to this question. His view of the universe was sacramental. He saw the action of His Father and the prophecy of the coming kingdom in all things, most of them very ordinary.
Resurrection and Eternal Life, p. 37 by Arthur Oakman

SEEK
(FIRST)
THE
KINGDOM
(OF)
GOD

Hymn: Safe in the Arms of Jesus

By Fanny Crosby

1. Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast.

There by His love o'ershaded, Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Hark! 'tis the voice of angels, Borne in a song to me,

Over the fields of glory, Over the jasper sea.

Refrain:

Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast.

There by His love o'ershaded, Sweetly my soul shall rest.

2. Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe from corroding care.

Safe from the world's temptations, Sin cannot harm me there.

Free from the blight of sorrow, Free from my doubts and fears.

Only a few more trials, Only a few more tears.

Refrain:

3. Jesus, my heart's dear refuge, Jesus has died for me.

Firm on the Rock of Ages, Ever my trust shall be.

Here let me wait with patience, Wait till the night is o'er.

Wait till I see the morning break on the golden shore.

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“Sustainer of Souls, Stand Firm in Him” - A.M.

“Unfailing Protector, Trust in Him” - P.M.



Learning To Trust The Father

by Michael McClain

I remember one of the first trials we went through after accepting Christ. I had just gotten laid off from my job with an electrical contractor. I went back to the union hall to see if there were any openings anywhere. There weren't. I went to a gas station to call my wife and tell her I had been laid off.

As I was leaving the station at 39th Street and Main Street downtown, I smelled gas rather strong. I only got about a half a block away from the station when the engine caught fire. I had no way of putting the fire out so I just got out of the car and watched as it burned. Someone called the fire department, but by the time they got there the majority of the parts under the hood had burned. The fire wall stopped the fire from going any further than the engine compartment.

I called my mother and she gave me a ride home while my car was being towed home. Here I was without a car, a job or money. I think all we had at that time in the bank was \$30.00. Boy! Did I ever feel discouraged when I got home. By six o'clock that evening we did have another car, not much of one but at least it got me where I needed to go. I was still without a job and we spent most of our money on the car.

“If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious.”

1 Peter 2:3 - 4

A couple of days later the Lord helped me get a job in Independence with a non-union electrical contractor. We still needed money for food until I got paid. We didn't know which way to turn. I didn't want to borrow any from anyone, so I prayed about it. In the mail one day we found a check for \$10.00. An insurance company said we had paid too much money and they were sending back the overpayment. My wife didn't remember sending any extra in on the premium. I knew where it came from and I thanked God for it. That was the first and only time an insurance company ever sent us money back because we had paid too much. This was the first experience in which I recognized God's blessings and learned to trust in Him.

How often I have tried to fit God into a certain pattern and think I really know what He's like when He blesses me and shows me another side of Him.

The experiences are continuing and I pray that they always will.

Called To Witness, May 1978



The whole created order is on a pilgrimage back to him who first articulated it, since it bears His image in the person of our Lord. And Jesus Christ leads in this pilgrimage. God is in all and through all, and we ourselves are in the midst of a journey between creation and redemption in which all share. The universe is spiritual in nature.

God's Spiritual Universe, p. 75 by Arthur Oakman

Trust in the Lord

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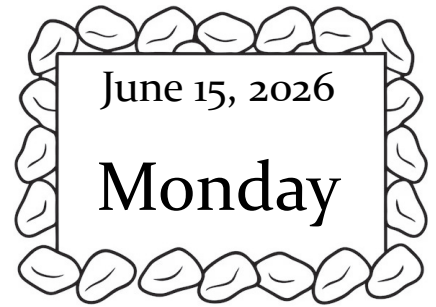
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“The Great Mediator, Draw Near to Him”



Jesus Was With Me

by Leola Watkins

I can still remember so plainly that when I was a child, I was always afraid to go upstairs to bed. I just knew that someone was hiding in the attic or under the bed. But my mother had always taught me about Jesus, so at night, when I went up to bed, I used to say to myself that Jesus was going to spend the night with me.

I can remember on cold winter nights I would warm the sheets on my side of the bed. I didn't want Jesus to sleep in a cold bed.

This may seem simple, but my fears were always relieved and I could go to sleep because I knew Jesus wouldn't let anyone hurt me.

Jesus is always with us whenever we want Him to be. All He wants from us is an invitation.

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“Therefore come and be baptized unto repentance, that ye may be washed from your sins, that ye may have faith on the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, who is mighty to save and to cleanse from all unrighteousness; Yea, I say unto you, Come and fear not, and lay aside every sin, which easily doth beset you, which doth bind you down to destruction; Yea, come and go forth, and shew unto your God that ye are willing to repent of your sins, and enter into a covenant with Him to keep His commandments.

Alma 5:25 - 27

God's Concern

by Dorothy B. Martin

As I become very much aware of God's love and help in my life and every day try to listen to Him, I realize that God is aware of the problems I'm concerned with. I am also aware he is concerned about the problems I should be more concerned about.

Since our barn burned down a year ago, my eight-year-old daughter could not go to sleep at night, She would wake in the night and come to me saying how "ascared" she was. We tried every way we knew to console and love her, but nothing helped.

Then one night in mid-January of 1976, I had a vision. I saw myself kneeling in prayer with her at her bed. I knew I should do this each time she came to me with this "ascared" feeling.

Jesus alone has the power to lift men out of themselves and give them a new self, a better self, their own true self which had been lost through sin.
Resurrection and Eternal Life, by Arthur Oakman, p. 233

I began that very next night, praying aloud so that she could hear, asking God to come and stop this fear and let her sleep. I told God that we had great faith in Him for he had shown us His power in stopping a raging rain and wind storm before our very eyes a year and a half before.

I put her to bed and she slept all night. We continued our prayers in this manner and about the fourth night, I had another vision in which I saw God's hand, as large as half the double bed she was in, over her and touching her head. I saw this without ever going into her room. True to the promises that God showed me, she has slept since, and only about four or five nights have we had to pray during the night.

This is the fulfilling of Hebrews 11:1, 6 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen But without faith it is impossible to please Him;

for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

And James 2:18, 25 "Therefore wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead and cannot save you?. . .For, as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead."

My ability to recognize God's Spirit of direction, our following it, and His blessings, came as promised, especially in being able to show God and faith to our child. God's promise that He can keep nothing from us because of our faith is a wonderful promise indeed.

Called To Witness, May 1976



Hymn: I Love To Walk With Jesus

1. O, I love to walk with Jesus, like the publicans of old
When He gathered them about Him and the blessed tidings told,
How He came to bring deliverance to the captives in distress,
Take away our ev'ry burden, give perfect peace and rest.

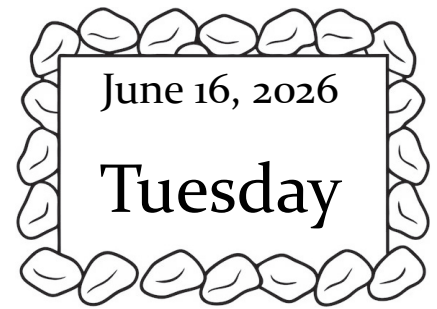
Refain:

I will follow where He leadeth, I will pasture where He feedeth,
I will follow all the way, Lord. I will follow Jesus ev'ry day.

2. O sometime I'll walk with Jesus in that land of endless day,
When our journey here is over and we've reached our home to stay,
Then I'll walk with Him forever, sing His praises o'er and o'er,
And with all the saints in glory, love and worship, and adore.

Refrain.

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“Righteous Redeemer, Be Renewed in Him”



Resources of Heaven

by Clara Thomas

The extent of God's love in its many ways calls from us the search for understanding.

After a laborious day I was tired but had been seeking available time to work on some unfinished writing for church publication. I intended only to be engaged in this project a short time but once at the typewriter I became intensely interested. The hours slipped by and weariness crept over me. Still I could not tear myself from my work until it was complete.

Toil-worn, too tired to sleep, I paused for rest before retiring, reclining in a comfortable chair and closing my eyes. Suddenly a sweet sensation enveloped my entire body. I sat up, endeavoring to understand the cause. I was astonished to feel hands lightly placed upon my head. I felt God's power flow through those hands and permeating my being. Evidence was given that I was being administered to.

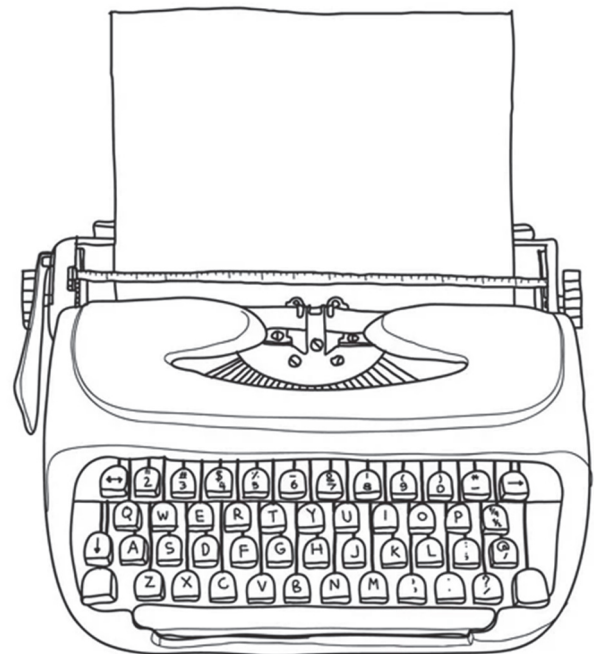
Fatigue vanished. Joy and gratitude swelled within me and I recalled the other such incident which occurred after a week's preparation made by five people in fasting and prayer. During this administration, the power of God had surged through my soul in a similar manner.

“Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”

Revelations 1:17 - 18

There is an infinity beyond all that we can comprehend. When we give ourselves wholly to God and our lives have become truly a part of His ways, then we have available to us resources of heaven of which we can scarcely dream.

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Jesus Christ is the truth which is at the heart of every other truth. There is no truth in the universe, scientific, moral, spiritual, aesthetic, which exists apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.

He Who Is, p. 91 by Arthur Oakman



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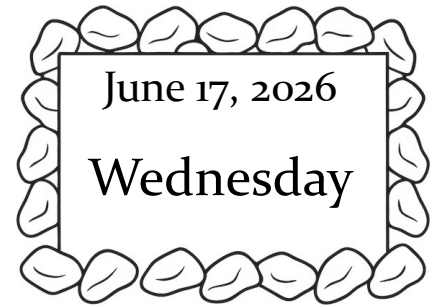
CHRIST

who *Strengthens*

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Philippians 4:13

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The Exactness of God's Works

by John Landers

After the death of Joseph Smith, Jr. there was great confusion among the Saints and many would-be leaders of the people arose. Some believed one thing and some another. Some believed one part of the work as established by Joseph Smith, some had faith in another part; some believed he had authority up to a certain time, some to a different date. I believed him and his work entirely.

One evening I was at a meeting where there was much discussion of the subject, and while meditating upon it, about ten o'clock, I was carried away in a vision which lasted all night, and until nine o'clock the next morning.

In the vision I was surrounded by myriads of glorified spirits. They commenced to organize the Church or Kingdom of God. They called four quorums of the greater priesthood and three of the lesser. These then called grand quorums, because they comprised the whole church. Out of these seven quorums there were formed five more, which made the number twelve.

When they had completed the organization of the church they began again and organized another after the same order and exactly the same pattern.

“For He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

Revelations 17:14

When the second was completed they organized a third, and thus continued until there were seven such similar organizations.

I was informed that the first was the church in the days of Adam; the second in the days of Noah; the third in the days of Abraham; the fourth in the days of Moses, at the foot of Mount Horeb, called the Horeb Covenant; the fifth on the plains of Moab, over against Jericho; the sixth by Jesus Christ; the seventh and last by Joseph the Seer.

I noticed that all these organizations of the church and kingdom were exactly alike. I said to the Lord, "I wonder greatly at the



We ought to search the scriptures with all the powers of intellect of which we are capable. We ought to bring to bear upon the printed page all the resources of our personalities, and certainly our imagination should be inspired with all of which we are capable as we study the divine word. But in the last analysis... it is only through worship that we really come to know the Lord Jesus.
He Who Is, p. 85 - 86 by Arthur Oakman

exactness of your works." He said, "That exactness exists throughout all the workmanship of God."

Many things that transpired that I might relate, but I shall only say I could be no happier than I was then in the contemplation of the things God had revealed to me. I had no desire to leave that place where the countenances of all shone with love and happiness. I asked the Lord if I might stay, but he said I must return to earth and finish my work.

The order and harmony I saw in the church or kingdom of God I did not find in any of the factions that arose after the death of Brother Joseph [the Martyr], neither did I ever find it again until the Lord called his servants to reorganize his church.

From Autumn Leaves, February, 1900
Called To Witness, March 1977



Stone Church in Plano, Illinois

With Jesus in the boat you can smile in the storm
Smile in the storm
Smile in the storm
With Jesus in the boat you can smile in the storm
When you're sailing home
Sailing, sailing home
Sailing, sailing home
With Jesus in the boat you can smile in the storm
When you're sailing home.



Ways To Please God!

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honor thy parents
 commandments
 compassion
 salvation
 baptism
 respect
 listen
 songs

keep the faith
 serve others
 repentance
 transform
 embrace
 saviour
 praise
 unity

ephesians:6-2
 bible study
 communion
 covenant
 fasting
 trinity
 prayer
 hope

new testament
 clean heart
 enlighten
 meditate
 nourish
 worship
 bible
 love

old testament
 forgiveness
 gratitude
 thankful
 rejoice
 humble
 honor
 read



God gave Him the name above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:9-11

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“Almighty King, Worship Him”- Thursday
“Build on Christ, Our Only Foundation”- Friday



I Want To Belong To Your Church

by Darlene Holm

We had been married for about 15 years when I realized a lot of our problems came from not attending church regularly. As a child and up until our marriage I had been active in church. During this time I had joined several churches as Mother moved around to the new ones that were built in our growing community. The difference in doctrines didn't bother me any.

My husband was raised R.L.D.S. and my Mother had some very strong negative feelings towards my husband and his church. I made a promise to her that I wouldn't have anything to do with his church, if she would just accept our marriage.

Occasionally I went to the R.L.D.S. Church and I always enjoyed the friendliness of the people. Some of the classes disturbed me because I was told to be against it, so I looked for everything in a negative vain.

Our children, then ages eight and ten had been shuffled from one church to another, and at the most our attendance couldn't have been more than 12 times a year. They really knew very little, and were missing a part of life that had been so important in my young years.

“Which in His times He shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and the Lord of lords, to whom be honor and power everlasting.”

1 Timothy 6: 15

So I decided that now is the time to get settled in one church. Dick agreed, and he also said that it didn't have to be his church, but he did have one request. He asked that we choose a church that is like the church described in the scriptures. He didn't want to attend one that man had decided for himself what rules to leave in and what to take out for the convenience of one group of people. This suggestion appealed to me. So immediately I loaded our table with books and proceeded with the mountainous task of finding that church by myself.

Many calls were made to different ministers in the city as questions would arise in my mind, and the books couldn't answer. Before long my work was narrowed down to three churches. One of them being R.L.D.S., and I fought hard against this one. Every little thing that I could pounce on, I did. And my father-in-law, who knew the church

To live to Christ is to die to sin.
To live to self is to be dead to Christ.
It is not alone that God wishes or desires our life to be as the life of Jesus.
The fact is, there is no life outside of Him.
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history well, is the one I pounced on the most. Many nights I hung up the phone in frustrated tears because I couldn't prove him or the church wrong. On one of these completely frustrating Saturday nights, I threw all the books off the bed and said I give up.

As I began to calm down while lying in bed, the thought kept coming over and over to me, why not ask God to show me His church? This had been told to me many times before, but being very bull headed, it would only make me mad at those suggested times. Now I was ready to throw down my armor and place it in the hands of the One who could have helped me many months before. As I prayed I told Him all I wanted was for Him to direct me to His true church, where we could become a family engaged in work and love for Him.

I really had no idea how God would answer me or how long it would take but He directed me that very night. A colored picture was flashed on the ceiling of our bedroom. Every detail of a building was clearly embedded in my mind. And somehow the word Bannister was given to me.

The next morning I told Dick I wanted to go to church and as we pulled out of the driveway he asked me where we were going. Being unsure myself that I had a true experience I refused to tell him of it, So I said, "Let's go on Bannister road." When we got to that road a decision had to be made on which way to turn. Dick at this point decided he wanted to go to a church he had attended as a child. Anxiety began to build in me as we were driving in this direction. Then suddenly, I

realized we had just passed the building like the picture that had flashed on the ceiling.

I told Dick I wanted to go back there, and he glanced back saying, "We can't go there, it is only a school." But I kept insisting and he finally turned the car around. As we pulled in the driveway, there was only one car parked near the building and Dick stopped beside a sign that had been placed by the driveway. The sign said The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Dick was giving me a strange look, because of my hysteria concerning the church the night before. I swallowed hard and said this is where I want to go.

As we walked toward the steps a very pleasant man came out to greet us, and with his hands extended, he said, "I am so happy you are here, I have been expecting you." I thought that was a strange statement but I let it pass.

This man turned out to be our Sunday School teacher, and in the class a woman made the statement that people in other churches don't know God as personally as they do in this church. This man, who I later learned was Seventy Russell E. Resch, glanced over at me and said, "You and I know differently don't we." This stunned me for the moment. But I could hardly contain myself as the realization came to me that I had been given added proof that this was truly God's church here on earth.

Six months later our two children and myself went down into the waters of baptism to become a family united in God's holy church.

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