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A REPORT FROM PASSION '07

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Let's Put the Saint back in Valentine's Day

Cupids. Candy. Flowers. Lacy hearts. Strange, isn't it, that the best known Christian saint on the secular calendar -- a holiday devoted to romantic love -- is a martyr for the Christian faith?



photo by C.P. Storm

Saint Valentine did "die of love", to be sure -- but not of the romantic sort! Strange, also, considering its enormous popularity, that this saint's feast no longer appears on the Church's calendar. (Officially, February 14 marks the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodias, 9th century missionaries to the Slavs.)

How did the "Saint" disappear from Valentine's Day? Can we "re-Christianize" the celebration of this popular holiday? Who is Saint Valentine, anyway?

There are at three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, mentioned in the early martyrologies for the date of February 14th.

One is described as a priest in Rome, another a bishop (of Interamna, the modern Terni). Both apparently were martyred in the second half of the third century and buried at different places on the Flaminian Way outside of Rome. The third St. Valentine was martyred in Africa with a number of companions.

Almost nothing is known about any of these early Christian men -- except that they died for the love of Christ!

The popular customs connected

with Saint Valentine's Day probably originated in medieval Europe. At that time, when "courtly love" was in flower, there was a common belief in England and France that on February 14th, precisely half way through the second month of the year, the birds began to pair.

Thus, we read in the 14th century English poet, Geoffrey Chaucer's "Parliament of Fowles":

*For this was on Seynt Valentynes' day
Whan every foul cometh ther
to choose his mate. (Chaucer's original spelling).*

This belief about "love-birds" is probably the reason Saint Valentine's feast day came to be seen as specially consecrated to lovers, and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lover's tokens. The literature of the fourteenth and fifteenth-century in both France and England contain allusions to this practice.

This association with romantic love, along with the medieval revival of interest in classic literature, no doubt led to the "paganizing" of this martyr's

feast, so that the Romangod, Cupid (the counterpart of Eros in Greek mythology), supplanted the saint in the celebration of the feast. In Roman mythology, Cupid, the son of Venus, was a winged immortal who had the mischievous habit of shooting invisible arrows into the hearts of mortals, which inflamed them with blind and helpless passion -- for the next person they might see.

The Golden Legend, a medieval book of stories about saints, says that Valentine, a priest, was imprisoned by the emperor Claudius II for leading people to Christ. While Valentine was being interrogated by a Roman officer, the priest preached Christ as the "one and only Light". The officer, who had a blind daughter, challenged Valentine to pray to Christ for her cure. The girl was cured, and the entire family were converted to Christianity. According to legend, while awaiting execution, he wrote notes of instruction, affection and encouragement to the Christian community in Rome, which were secretly delivered by a boy who visited him in prison.

It is ironic that a Roman Christian who died defending the faith is now chiefly associated with a pagan god, Cupid!

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With three small children and busy schedules, we don't watch a lot of primetime television in our home. But on January 16, Kelly and I put the kids down early and had the rare occasion to land exhausted on the couch in front of the screen. Flipping through the stations, we came across the season premiere of the FOX Network's "American Idol." I am embarrassed to admit that we watched almost the entire train wreck of a program.

The wildly popular show is aptly named. I remember hearing about it during its first season and wondering if the show's title bothered much of the coveted 18-35 year old demographic that its producers hoped to capture. Scripture is pretty clear on the topic of idols, after all. Few seem to remember that God made avoidance of them one of His top ten rules. ("You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." Exodus 20:4 (NIV)) Those Commandments can be so unfashionable.

Approximately 37 million people watched the January 16 premiere—an exhibition of selected auditions from among the 10,000 plus young people who showed up in Minneapolis to try out for a chance at "stardom." Some of the selected clips depicted kids with legitimate vocal talents, but others were obviously chosen for a more sinister reason. The show's producers have made persecution into a fine art.

All three members of "Idol's" celebrity panel of judges now ruthlessly mock the kids who have less talent. And Simon, Randy and Paula don't just make fun of quirky voices, they openly taunt many of the desperate novices because of physical features they can't change. "American

Law and Politics with Mike Johnson

"Idol" Contrasts with Truth



"Idol" is teaching an entire generation of young people that it's natural to reward and promote superficial beauty—and it's funny to push around those who don't measure up. The ratings indicate it's becoming society's favorite sport.

In recent days, it has been revealed that each hapless "Idol" contestant is actually less naïve than it seems. It turns out they have all been set up for this life-altering

been deceived and told by producers they have unique talent and a great chance at becoming the next "Idol."

The popular culture craves and rewards all this depravity, and the personal trauma it exacts on many of its victims. Most leave the audition demeaned, disgraced and confused, after investing so much in an empty quest for success and happiness. Many tearfully confess to the camera their

assumption is that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association chose that FOX Network timeslot on purpose. Just minutes after 37 million people watched a 16 year old juggler/singer bullied and reduced to a tearful mess by the merciless Simon Cowell, the Billy Graham TV Special began with the testimony of 16 year old Kristen Anderson.

At 15, after losing four friends and her grandmother, and being raped, Kristen explained that her life "fell completely apart." She attempted suicide by lying in front of a speeding train, but somehow survived the loss of both legs. During her recovery, a seminary student shared with Kristen the Good News and explained how she needed Jesus. In the video, Kristen radiated with real joy and peace, and shared how she now lives every day for her Savior: "I love the life that He's given me." Amazing grace!

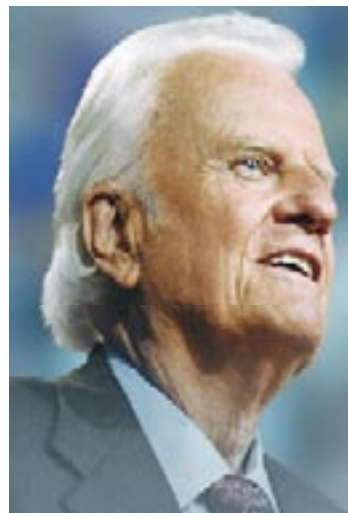
The anchor of the program was a video of a timeless classic sermon that Billy Graham preached during a Crusade in Albuquerque

in 1975. "What do you place your hope in?" Rev. Graham asked the audience. "My hope is in a Man—a Person—that sits at the right hand of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says that God has put in Him all authority on heaven and earth." Oh, what a refreshing message for primetime television!

And what an extraordinary contradiction between two back-to-back shows. I pray that millions of young "Idol" viewers stayed tuned for what followed, that eternal seeds were planted, and that salvation was accepted.

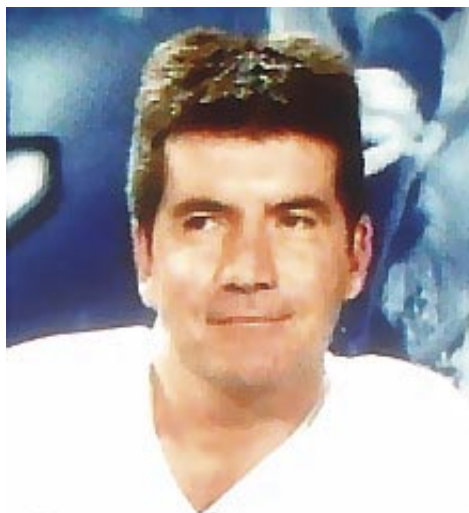
There is a wide chasm between "Idol" worship and the Truth. Unfortunately, there aren't enough Billy Graham Specials to follow every subversive program on TV and illustrate that distinction. In the end, it's not just Billy Graham's responsibility to spread the Good News. It's a job for all of us—and an entire generation is desperate for that hopeful message. Enough with the idols! Let's get serious about the Gospel.

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Billy Graham

Source: Billy Graham Evangelistic Association website, www.BillyGraham.org



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humiliation! Before any young person ever gets to the recorded torment session with the Simon, Randy and Paula, he or she has first been egged on in at least two prior auditions with show producers. They strategically encourage and send on for TV the best and the worst of those who try out. It is never explained to viewers that the guy who sings in a shrill falsetto or the poor girl who purrs like a lion have actually

sole ambition is to "just be famous." Some curse and wonder aloud whether their lives can have any further value. "Idol," and the fallen world it represents, have brutally dashed their only hope upon the rocks, and called it enter-tainment.

There could not have been a more stark and welcomed contrast than the program that immediately followed "Idol" in the January 16 primetime lineup. My

Righteousness exalts a nation, but
sin is a disgrace to any people.
Proverbs 14:34

Health and Fitness with Jeff Consiglio



Dear Coach Jeff: Like most people, I enjoy good food. Consequently, I'd prefer to control my weight with exercise, rather than going on a diet. What type of exercise would allow me to burn the most calories?
Thanks - Tracy

Dear Tracy:

Your question brings several thoughts to mind. First, let's take a look at what the word "diet" really means. Most people view a diet as a temporary period of tortuous deprivation for the purpose of losing weight. But what happens when we inevitably quit such an unsustainable diet?

Do we not go back to eating the way we did before the diet? The same way of eating that made us fat, sick and tired to begin with? All too often that's exactly what happens.

A more constructive view would be to think of a diet as a permanent lifestyle choice, rather than a miserable period of temporary deprivation. Your "diet" is the way you'll eat for the rest of your life. It's much like choosing who your spouse will be for life, so it makes sense to choose a diet you can live with for the long haul.

We need to quit viewing dieting as a temporary "quick fix," and instead think of our diet in terms of a lifetime way of eating.

Now let's tackle your specific question regarding the best exercise for burning calories.

My answer is simple. Exercise does not burn that many calories.

You'd have to walk about 40 miles, to burn just one pound of fat off your body!

I know, I know....the computerized treadmill at your gym indicates you're burning several hundred calories every time you use it, right? Well that computer is flat out deceiving you.

Those "calorie counting computers" are setup to include what's known as your Resting Metabolic Rate (RMR) into their equations. That's the number of calories you'd burn just sitting around all day.

Then the computer adds that RMR number to the calories actually burned from the activity. That's how they give you a decidedly exaggerated estimate of the number of calories you supposedly burned on their fancy machine.

A 150-pound man will burn about 100 calories per hour while sitting. (A position many men are all too well aquatinted with.) Thus, when the Stairmaster or treadmill computer says you've burned lots of calories, those calories include the 50 to 100 calories you would've burned

anyway, from just lounging about!

That's what I call creative mathematics.

So the bottom line is that exercise burns far fewer calories than most people have been led to believe. Therefore, exercise is a rather poor tool for controlling your caloric balance.

Your ability to shove calories into your mouth will almost always greatly exceed your ability to burn calories through exercising. The calories in a mere couple of cookies can totally negate the modest calorie burning of a 30 to 60 minute workout. Yikes!

All this doesn't mean that exercise

is a waste of time. After all, exercise can make a contribution to maintaining a proper balance between the number of calories consumed vs. those burned.

Exercise also has a profound impact on body composition. If you took two identical twins, only one of whom exercised, there might not be much difference in total bodyweight between the two, but the exerciser would definitely have a more toned appearance than her non-exercising twin.

And, of course, there are dozens of other health related reasons why exercise is extremely important.

But unfortunately, exercise is not the best way to control one's caloric balance. That goal is best achieved by controlling the calories we put into our mouths, rather than trying to use exercise as form of "penance" for poor dietary habits.

As I've said before, and the Word of God exhorts us ... we must use moderation when it comes to calories.

"Let your moderation be known unto all men." - Philippians 4:5

In Health -
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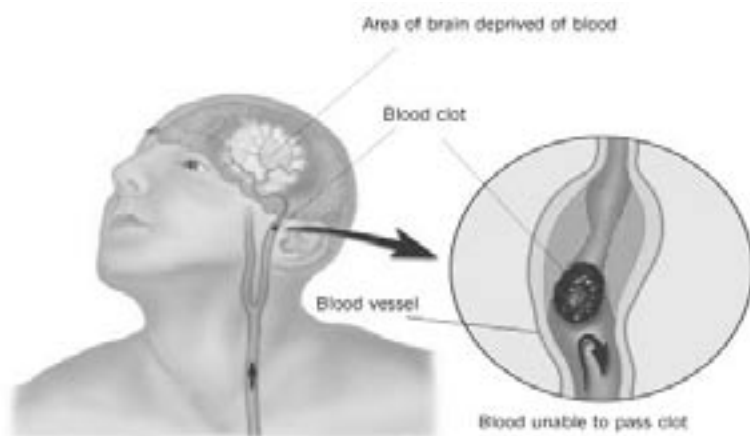
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Thru ALL things give God the glory. Romans 11:36

STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters...S.T.R.



S
T
R

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00pm, Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, STR . Read and Learn!
Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.
Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately !! and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

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It will sweep across the time zones and through all man-made barriers.

SHOCKWAVE is a 72-hour youth prayer event that will take place in SHOCKWAVE chat rooms, prayer meetings, churches, homes and other places in over 20 countries worldwide, including the United States. SHOCKWAVE is a youth initiative of Open Doors, an international Christian organization which supports and strengthens persecuted Christians in over 60 countries.

SHOCKWAVE, a multi-nation collaboration, kicks off in New Zealand and works its way across the time zones. In 2006 thousands of young people prayed for persecuted Christians. Participating countries included the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Netherlands and Brazil. This year the total is expected to increase. This will be the sixth annual SHOCKWAVE event.

"I can't wait for this year's SHOCKWAVE event. Last year I really felt God moving. And when He moves...WOW!" says a previous SHOCKWAVE participant.

Jane Huckaby, Vice President of Program Services for Open Doors USA, says: "Open Doors' vision is of a world in which every Christian who is persecuted is prayed for and supported by Christians who are free to worship. And what better way than to start with our youth. SHOCKWAVE gives young people – from junior high to college-age youth – an opportunity to rise as one force in praying for our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. I encourage you, your friends or your church group to join in this exciting, powerful event."

SHOCKWAVE can be run as an all-night event, an evening or even a prayer breakfast. There are SHOCKWAVE resources available – including an information packet full of prayer and program ideas – to make the event easy for you to run. This year the resources are focused on praying for persecuted believers in Islam-dominated counties. There is also Prayer Wall and a blog on the international SHOCKWAVE web site.

Huckaby adds: "Our goal is not only to pray, but also raise awareness about our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. Many people don't realize that persecution is taking place. SHOCKWAVE will inform and urge youth to take action."

For more information, log on to www.odshockwave.org

Local Ministries

A highlight of The Bridge

The Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission

The Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission's new facility for women and children has officially opened its doors and is currently housing 28 single women and four families. Many have participated in furnishing the physical needs there. Sheets, towels and so

much more have been donated, even pillow cases monogrammed with a Bible verse on them. As you can see on this page donations of time and money have been given as well.

The need is never ending and at year's end the monetary donations were

considerably short of the need. Prayerfully consider a gift to the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission. We are so grateful for all that He has provided thus far, for gifts of all kinds. God is good and He will provide. Could He be asking you to help?



Above Left: State Farm agents Nora Brooks and Derrick Gatson present a generous monetary donation. Next to them are SBRM director, Rev. Henry Martin and State Farm Corporate Representative, Mike Van Ranken.

Above (3 pictures) Members of Bellaire Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist, and First Baptist Bossier decorate the single women's dormitory and family suites at 901 McNeil Street.

Left: Members of Barksdale Team 56 help with the landscaping and irrigation project. Twenty five volunteers donated their time at both the Mc Neil facility and the Mission on Texas St.

Fun at Home

Some folks who live in the Hillside area of Anchorage, Alaska, built this playground in their yard for their 3 and 4 year-old boys.

The next morning, the mom woke up to this scene.



“Fun at Home” is a compilation of true stories, short conversations, and those fun and funny events that happen at home. If you would like to submit something for print, please e-mail it to kbcl_radio@bellsouth.net for our consideration.

WE'RE IN THE HUNT!

Louisiana Family Forum is kicking off the hunt for the 2007 “Longest Married Louisiana Couple!” Do you know them? Think you might? It is LFF’s desire to honor family and community by recognizing our longest married. Send your candidates to info@lafamilyforum.org. Please include their names, contact information, as well as your contact information. The winners will enter the Louisiana Marriage Hall of Fame and will receive additional honors and prizes. For more information, call 800.606.6470.



Building Memories With Your Children by Dennis and Barbara Rainey

Q: How can I build memories with my children?

Barbara: One of my favorite family memories is of a day on our vacation in California. We had rented a condominium that we shared with another family. It was a really fun day because we were able to be leisurely all day.

We went out on the beach in the morning, propped up the umbrella and put the babies under it so they wouldn’t burn. The older kids played on the beach, building sand castles and hunting for shells. It was a wonderful day because we got to enjoy our relationships with each other without any deadlines or demands.

Dennis: Vacations are great memory makers because they are a time for us to get away and recharge our batteries. They are a time for us to concentrate on one another, regardless of where we are. The romance of a marriage relationship is built by romantic getaways, but the romance of a relationship with your child is a rich heritage of memories that you build with them.

One thing my parents did right was instilling in me a lot of memories: making ice cream at Grandma’s house, fishing trips, relatives, parties. We didn’t go all over the United States on fancy trips, but they did leave me with an enormous reservoir of memories that I still draw on as a married man and father today.

You need to decide that your family is going to be found guilty of having too much fun, rather than too little, and you need to carve time out of your schedule for that to happen. You have to purposefully sacrifice your time, because if you think memories

are going to be built by default, you’re fooling yourself. These memories are more than just fun; through building memories, you are building strongholds for Christ in your child’s life.

I think the most important way to build memories, after spending time with your kids, is to practice the lost art of storytelling. Begin by telling the kids how you met as a couple. Build a sense of connectedness to the past, because the lessons of life are found in our past right and wrong choices.

Barbara: I keep a family scrapbook, and every New Year’s Day while we cook our dinner over a campfire, the whole family gathers around the scrapbook and we relive the year together.

Dennis: It’s no mistake that God gave us the gift of memory. Over and over again in the Bible, He challenges the nation of Israel to call to mind his benefits, to remember his abundant kindness. God wants us to remember those things, because He is found in our lives at so many points. As we relive memories through storytelling, faith and maturity are built for today.

Lastly, some of my most important memories are tied to family traditions. Make an effort to establish some significant practices that you repeat year after year. Those repetitive events build stability and a sense of continuity in your child’s life.

Vacations, traditions, and stories will come together to form a museum of memories in your child’s life that will serve as a solid foundation for him as he begins his own family.

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DO SOMETHING!

During the days of Passion 07 over 22,000 of us banded together to make a difference throughout the world in Jesus' name. The Do Something Now Campaign was more than charity, it was our worship as we offered to God what He really loves. The results so far have exceeded our expectations...and the story has just begun!

Touch Atlanta

We wanted to Touch Atlanta by providing towels and socks to 15 area organizations assisting those in need. 13,000 towels and 31,000 pairs of socks were provided.

Help Stop Human Trafficking

Speaking up against the trade of precious people in the sex industry, 3000 signatures were gathered with Stop The Traffik to be presented to the UN with others from around the world.

Bibles To Unreached People

We wanted to send 3000 Bibles into East Asia, committing to pray for each recipient for one year. 4000 Bibles were sent. 4000 people are being prayed for!

Clean Water For Africa

We sought to sponsor the drilling of 11 wells (at a cost of 3K each) to bring clean water to African villages for

Missions/Outreach

A highlight of The Bridge



life. 52 wells were sponsored + additional funds were collected for at least one more expensive well in Sudan.

Life-saving Surgeries For Kids

We hoped to sponsor 50 surgeries for children in Central/South America at a cost of \$1,000 each. A donor agreed to match whatever was given at Passion 07. 124 surgeries were sponsored, bringing the total (with the matching grant) to 248 surgeries.

College For Promising Africans

20 young people were sponsored to attend college in

Africa through Compassion's Leadership Development Program.

Additional Compassion children were sponsored.

A Community/Student Center on a Campus In Iraq

We sought to raise money for the Freedom Center in Kurdistan of Iraq.

Over 2400 bricks were purchases for \$10. (Our goal was 500!)

17 groups have committed to raise \$5,000. (Our goal was 10! An additional 20K was given at Passion 07). The numbers are still growing.

200 people have committed to pray about spending a year in

Iraq teaching English at The Freedom Center.

1200 committed to pray for the Kurds for one year.

The Bible For The Dela People of Indonesia

Through us, God funded the translation of the New Testament for the Dela people of Indonesia. In addition, so many gifts/pledges were made we have funded additional translations for the Rikou and Lola people of Indonesia. But there's more... we have funded the completion of three additional translations that were in mid-stream for people groups in Indonesia. We set our sights on one translation and have now completed six. Calls and requests are pouring into Oneverse with people/groups requesting additional translations to sponsor. Over \$450,000 was given/pledged for translations of the New Testament!

On top of these amazing ventures, the offering for Passion's World Tour (we are trusting God for close to 4 million) taken on the last morning was \$256,000... and it's still growing. Humbling. Thank you for letting us know you are with us.

God is amazing!! And in Him we can change the world together. Let's don't stop here!

If you still want to get involved, there's information on our Do Something Now partner organizations under Latest on the Passion Website.

PS-Who said college students were poor?

From <http://www.268blog.blogspot.com/>





Our anthem for Passion '07 - GLORIOUS



These are the girls who went on the trip. We represented a number of churches and denominations. We felt the need to take a group shot when we stopped for our first meal of the new year!



Riding the MARTA subway! Atlanta was overwhelmed by the masses of young people, but we heard at the sessions that several of the hotels were very impressed with the character, friendliness, and respect for their property that was displayed!



John Piper came and brought the Word to the twenty-two thousand of us. It was an exciting thing to sit and know thousands of college students were listening and taking notes from such a noted speaker as John Piper. We as a generation are ready to take our faith for our own and live it out in our lives!

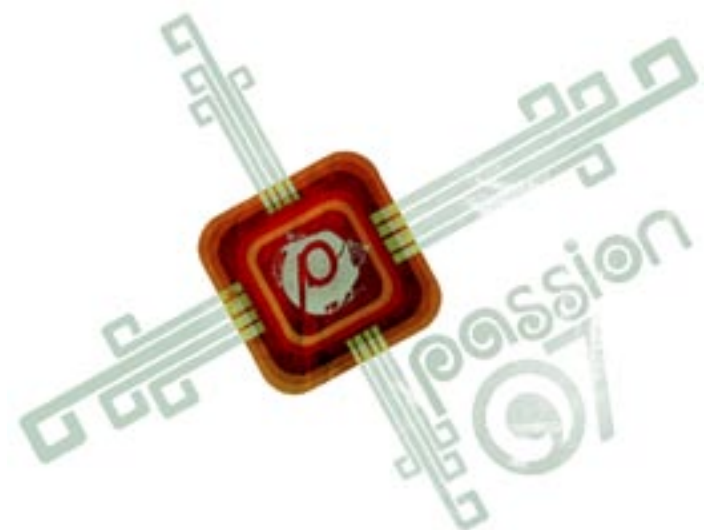
MyPerspective

PASSION '07

by Beth McKee

Twenty-two thousand college students is a large and impersonal number, so I would like to break it down and tell you how this impacts your world (i.e. Shreveport-Bossier and the areas beyond). We went as a group of 35 students and professionals and all had individual, personal experiences and growth which we are now living out among the campuses of LSUS, NSU, NSU-College of Nursing, BPC, and others. We are proud to be a part of the Body of Christ on our campuses. In fact, one of the girls that

went on this trip will have been deployed by the time you are reading this article, and is now representing Christ in another part of the world. See how natural the spread of the Gospel can be when we just live? And of course you don't have to go to the Passion conference to be excited about your faith; it is lived out in the practical representation of love towards those who are within our reach. "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." And I would venture to add that this is also the chief end of today.

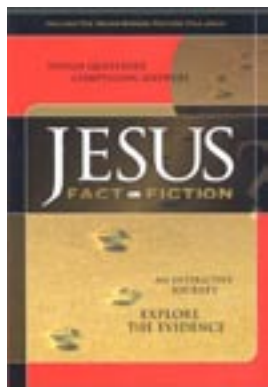


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Decision-making: The Pro and Con Method. Is It Biblical?

Each of us will be challenged to make important decisions in this coming year. These decisions often impact our jobs, our families and even where we might be living. However, many of us will fall into a trap by using a process for making decisions that may not be biblical. The bible encourages us to make decisions based on obedience, not outcome. Yet, business people are challenged every day to make decisions that will impact the bottom line. Is there a precedent we find in scripture about how to make biblical decisions?

...Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams (1 Sam15:22).

After owning and operating an ad agency for almost twenty years, I have discovered that there are by far two primary ways people make decisions today. First, the pro and con method is a system of lining up all the pros on one side, then all the cons on the other side. Whichever makes the most sense is the choice that is made. This makes logical sense to all of us.

The second method of decision-making is based purely on how the decision will affect us, otherwise known as an outcome-based decision. Many of us are guilty of being driven

by outcome versus by what is right or by what God is saying. One cannot always determine how something is going to turn out on the front end. And, God will not allow a faith decision to be based on perceived outcome. This would cause all of us to make only outcome-based decisions. But, sadly, many Christians make such decisions every day. And, I must confess that as a businessman, I was driven to make decisions that were based on whether I would be financially impacted negatively or positively.

I am not saying that either of these methods does not have a part to play in the process of making a decision, but they should not be the determining factors. For instance, I recall when my business was going through a lean time. I was losing money every month when I was invited to attend a Christian conference in South Africa. Logically, it made no sense for me to take ten days out of my month to do this. And, I didn't have the money to go. However, I felt God wanted me to go, so I trusted Him for the resources. The last day of the registration a man gave me \$2,500 to go to this conference. It became a strategic turning point in my spiritual and professional pilgrimage. If I had made my decision based on pros and cons or what I thought the outcome would be, I never would have gone on the trip and I would have missed a huge blessing.

In the early Hebraic church wisdom was gained by obedience. Hebrews learned that wisdom was gained by knowing and doing the will of God and that it often did not line up with logic. *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding (Psalms 111:10)*. However, as the church became impacted by the Greek culture through the influence of scholars like Socrates and Aristotle, knowledge-based systems became more influential in the way education was taught and applied. Greeks believed that the way to gain knowledge was based on reason and analysis.

As a result, the church over the centuries has moved into a more knowledge-based and programmatic system

of operation, rather than obedience-based methods that are motivated by a heart fully devoted to following God. Ultimately, God desires us to take the Hebraic approach when making decisions. He wants us to make decisions based on our heart's desire to follow Him. That means decisions are made based on obedience and there are times when they will not line up with logic. The apostle Paul serves as a great example for us.

Whole-hearted Obedience

In Acts 21, we find an interesting scene involving Paul, the disciples and a prophet named Agabus. It would appear that Paul was going against the Spirit's leading at first glance when we read about the encounter. First, the disciples had a revelation

from the Spirit to urge him not to go to Jerusalem. Then, the prophet Agabus actually tied his hands and feet in a prophetic act to dramatize the word of prophecy he was going give Paul that he would be persecuted in Jerusalem.

Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way... we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist...After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the

Following are the primary differences between the Hebraic model and the Greek model of learning and applying Biblical knowledge. Mike and Sue Dowiewicz, authors of Restoring the Early Church, provide a comparison of the Greek influence versus the Hebraic influence.

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owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles."

When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem.


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Airline Dr. Church of Christ Sunday Services: 10:10a & 6p Sunday	2125 Airline Drive—Bossier School 9a Wed at 7 pm	746-2645	Jewell St. Missionary Baptist Sun Services 8:00, 10:45am Prayer & Training Services Wed 6:00 and 7:00 pm	2440 Darien St. Shreveport	424-4655
Ark of the Covenant Christian Ch Sunday Service: 10:30 am	928 Wishpering Lake Rd. - S'port	675-1076	Kings Highway Christian Church 9:15 am Traditional, 10:15 am SS, 11:11 am Contemporary - Hispanic Worship 10:30a	806 Kings Highway—Shreveport	222-3684
Barksdale Baptist Church Sunday Services: 10:45 am & 6 pm Wed. 6:30 pm	1714 Jimmy Davis Highway—Bossier	742-1641	Kingston Road Baptist Sunday Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm Wed. Supper 5:30 Prayer Meeting 6:30	8900 Kingston Rd - Shreveport	687-9885
Barksdale United Methodist Ch Sunday Service: Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship 11 am	1465 Patricia Dr. - Bossier	746-4987	Lighthouse Fellowship Sun.10:00 and 11:00 am 7:00 Wed	6541 Benton Rd - Benton	
Believer's Worship Center	6068 Hwy 3—Benton	965-2750	Linwood Baptist Church	1622 Midway - Shreveport	631-4467
Bellaire Baptist Church	1210 Bellaire Blvd.—Bossier	746-3914	Love Chapel United Methodist C	4600 Hwy 80—Haughton	949-0430
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Broadmoor Methodist Church Sunday Services: 8:30 am, 11 am Traditional, 11 am "The River" Wed 5 pm	3715 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	861-0586	New Creation Family Church Sunday Service: 11 am Youth/Bible Study Tues 7 pm, Wed 6 pm	8410 Kingston Rd. - Shreveport	671-9463
Brookwood Baptist Church	9014 Brookwood Church Way—S'port	861-8911	Noel United Methodist Church	520 Herndon St—Shreveport	221-5207
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Family Worship Center	4204 Airline Dr.—Bossier	742-9565	Restoration Church of Bossier Ci	4501 Shed Rd.—Bossier7	746-1793
Fellowship Tabernacle Church Sunday Service: 11 am, 6 pm Sunday School: 9:45 am	4709 Palmetto Rd. - Benton	965-9324	Riverpark (riverparkchurch.net)	3232 E. 70th - Shreveport	865-1110
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First Baptist Church	105 E. Washington Ave—Haughton	949-2441	Saint Luke's Methodist Church	6012 Youree Dr—Shreveport	868-3613
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First Church of God	4601 Airline—Bossier	747-2211	Savior's House of Prayer	401 Hamilton - Bossier	752-3711
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First United Methodist Church	201 John Wesley Blvd—Bossier	742-3823	Shreveport Bible Church Sunday Service 10:45 - Small group home meetings during week	4761 Bert Kouns Shreveport	686-5530
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Greenacres Baptist Church Sunday 10:45 am 6:00 pm SS at 9:45 am: Wed at 7pm	4802 Benton Rd.—Bossier	746-2291	The Faith Church Sunday Service: 11 am	4901 Pine Hill Road- Shreveport	227-2204
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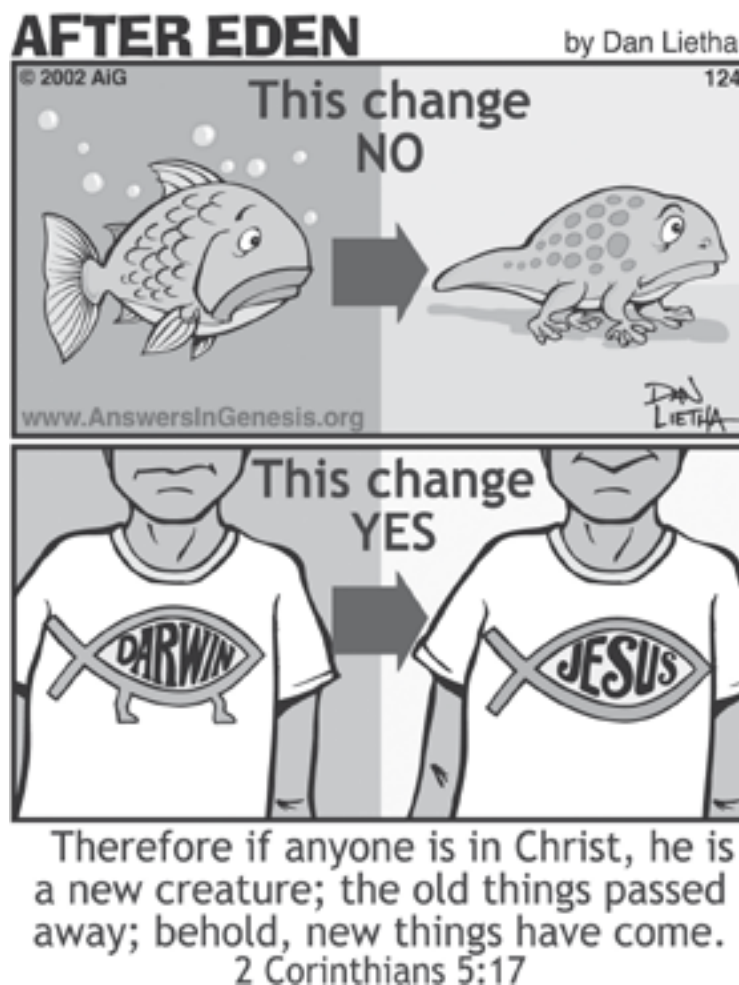
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Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done." (Acts 21:4-14).

Was Paul acting in disobedience to the counsel of others and even the Holy Spirit's confirmation by other believers? Was the information true? If so, does that mean that Paul was not to go? By his response Paul seems to know something the others don't. He doesn't disagree with the prophecy, he disagrees with the interpretation of what it means. He was not fearful of the outcome of his decision. So often people who have a prophetic gifting deliver a word to an individual and then interpret the meaning and action required. This is not necessarily the role of the prophet. He is the messenger, the recipient needs to determine the action required from the message.

There is no reason to think that Paul went to Jerusalem in violation of the will of God. The prophetic forecasts were not prohibitions from the Holy Spirit but forewarnings of what lay ahead. As a result of these prophecies, Paul's friends tried to dissuade him from risking his life; but the apostle remained steadfast in accomplishing his mission that he believed was from God in spite of personal danger. The important lesson for us is to understand that doing the will of God does not always have a positive outcome. If it did, we would make decisions based only on perceived outcome. This is not a Biblical way of making

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decisions. Jesus was obedient to the cross.

So, does this mean we are not to make decisions using our intellect? Absolutely not. God gave us the capacity to reason and think. I believe He fully expects us to thoughtfully consider all aspects in the decision-making process. We should research the pros and cons of any decision. Jesus even encourages us to consider all the factors before we take on any new endeavor.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish" (Luke 14:28-30).

Fact gathering is an important part of the process for making Godly decisions. Joshua and Caleb were sent out ahead to spy out the land and report back what they found as a form of fact gathering. However, their decision to move forward against the counsel of the others appeared to the others to be an unwise decision. The difference was fear and faith entering into the equation.

Once we gather the facts, the final determining factor on whether we should do something is whether God has directed us to do it, not whether it makes sense.

If the fathers of our faith had made decisions purely based on reason and analysis do you think Moses would have brought the people to the edge of the Red Sea, or Joshua would have walked around the city of Jericho as a means of winning a battle, or Peter would have paid his taxes from a coin he got from a fish's mouth? I could go on and on with examples of how God confronted the intellect to test obedience. He performed miracles from the most bizarre situations that confronted the logic of His followers.

Partial Obedience

Someone once said that God is a very "pickiune" God. He is very picky. His instructions are to be followed exactly as they are given or we will suffer the consequences. Never is this principle more apparent than in the life of King Saul. Saul's life could best be described as one who was partially obedient. He obeyed God to a degree, but the areas where he disobeyed got him in trouble – even to the point of death.

When Israel appointed Saul as king the people were warned by the prophet Samuel that their nation was to remain a theocracy even though a human king was ruling.

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be swept away (1 Sam 12:24-25).

Saul disobeyed God and His appointed prophet Samuel on three distinct occasions that resulted in negative consequences for Saul and the nation of Israel.

When Saul first became king, he was instructed to wait for Samuel for seven days after they attacked the Philistines (see 1 Samuel 13:7-14). When Samuel was late, Saul decided to take things into his own hands and offered a burnt offering in order to gain God's favor for the coming battle. This was contrary to the instructions given by God through Samuel, in whom he was to give deference to as his spiritual authority. His disobedience resulted in a shortened reign for Saul.

The second time Saul disobeyed God was when he was instructed

through Samuel to attack the Amalekites. He was told to destroy everything including the king, all the animals and other goods. Saul attacked them and destroyed everything except the king and his choice animals. When God tells Samuel that Saul has committed this evil, Samuel immediately confronted Saul. "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king" (1 Samuel 15:22-23). Saul then owns up to his sin and confesses he disobeyed because he was afraid of the people and gave in to their pressure. It is at this point Saul is rejected as king of Israel for his disobedience.

When I consider the life of Saul I realize that I have been like

him many times throughout my Christian life. Saul was a religious man. He had a form of religion. He was obedient to a point, but it was the follow-through that got him into trouble. And that difference in complete obedience made God say some very hard things. And the Lord was grieved that He had made Saul king over Israel (1 Samuel 15:35). What horrible words to hear from God. Imagine if God has to say that about you or me. That should motivate us to walk in complete obedience that we will never have to hear those words about ourselves.

Remember what Solomon tells us in Proverbs regarding the balance between God's responsibility and ours: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5,6).

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6:00 a.m. Stories of Great Christians
 6:15 a.m. Proclaim! - Michael Easley
 6:30 a.m. Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
 6:55 a.m. Mission Network News
 7:00 a.m. Focus on the Family - J. Dobson
 7:30 a.m. In Touch- Charles Stanley
 8:00 a.m. Grace to You - John MacArthur
 8:30 a.m. Love Worth Finding- Adrian Rogers
 9:00 a.m. Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
 9:15 a.m. Hope for the Heart - June Hunt
 9:30 a.m. Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
 10:00 a.m. Desiring God - John Piper
 10:30 a.m. Revive Our Hearts - Nancy Lee DeMoss
 11:00 a.m. Jay Sekulov Live
 11:30 a.m. Money Matters
 11:55 a.m. Mission Network News
 12:00 noon Insight for Living- Charles Swindoll
 12:30 p.m. Turning Point - David Jeremiah
 1:00 p.m. Point of View
 2:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey Show
 4:00 p.m. Behind Closed Doors - Ark-La-Tex CPC
 4:15 p.m. SB Rescue Mission - Jim Brackman
 4:30 p.m. The Witness Stand - M. Johnson & C. Layton (Tues thru Fri)*
 5:00 p.m. Urban Alternative - Tony Evans
 5:30 p.m. Desiring God - John Piper
 6:00 p.m. February Sign Off



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Saturday

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 8:00 a.m. On The House
 10:00 a.m. Point of View
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 12:30 p.m. Sports Spectrum
 2:30 p.m. Ranger Bill
 3:00 p.m. Adventures in Odyssey
 3:30 p.m. Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
 4:00 p.m. Let my People Think - R. Zacharias
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 5:30 p.m. Desiring God - John Piper
 6:00 p.m. January Sign Off

Sunday

6:00 a.m. Grace to You - John MacArthur
 6:30 a.m. Haven on the Weekend - Charles Morris
 7:00 a.m. Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers
 7:30 a.m. Family Life - Dennis Rainey
 8:00 a.m. Let my People Think- Ravi Zacharias
 8:30 a.m. In Touch - Charles Stanley
 10:00 a.m. The First Word—First Baptist Bossier
 11:00 p.m. The Way of the Master Radio
 1:00 p.m. Ranger Bill
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 1:45 p.m. Fables of Faith
 2:00 p.m. Adventures in Odyssey
 2:30 p.m. The Hour of Decision
 3:00 p.m. Focus on the Family - J. Dobson
 4:00 p.m. Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
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 5:00 p.m. Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers
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*Focus on the Family - Mondays at 4:30 pm



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Sunday PM Streaming

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