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Crimson & White? What's this?

It started with 37 college students. in 1998. Now, in the 23rd year of issues, less than 10% of the mailing list are "students" ages 14 to 24. About 40% are ... we'll just say "over 30" in the database, including several 80+ers. About 1/3 of our over ~900 print copies go into prisons in 24 states (9/1/20 count), a direction we never expected this to go. But "the spiritual life," and values are not age or marital status or gender or life situational specific, they are universal. -- Topics are character, values, spiritual life - "walk the walk, not just talk the talk" - relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's only Son, eternal, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified, died, and risen, and is the only way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong. Jesus said it comes down to 'love God and love your neighbor' (Matthew 22:37-40).

If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way (John 14:6). If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and rebellion against Him and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. - - If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today. John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

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Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D.

This really should have been in Feb., but I was "down" with food poisoning and am still only about 85%. I had something like this in mind, and then I got this blog emailed to me today by our niece, Lizzie.

In Christ, Rich & Marie

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? If not, and you want that, call me at 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM, or a Chaplain or pastor, or write us, or an email at RDymmel@aol.com. -- With God, even if you have gone the opposite direction, you have never gone too far to turn around.

Do Over

Are there days you wish you could have a do-over in life? Re-do that conversation? Avoid starting that fight? Keep your mouth shut and not make that stupid comment that made you feel like an idiot and completely self-conscious until you could walk away and get some space to breathe?

Yeah, there's been many a moment, many a day when I wished I could go back and re-do things...

And as I stood in yet another room in my house with a paintbrush in my hand, I realized something: Essentially, we're giving our house a total do-over. A complete overhaul from top to bottom. And no inch of wall space has escaped my paintbrush! (Well, at least it won't by the time I get done!)



Yet, while it's possible to give a house a total do-over with paint and a husband who loves to build things (thankfully!), it's a whole lot harder to make do-overs a reality in life, isn't it?

In reality, it might not be possible to have do-overs in life.

But here's the good news: In those moments when you wish you could have a do-over, we should take the opportunity to be honest with others, to admit where we messed up, and to ask for their forgiveness. And when people come to us asking for

forgiveness in those times when they wish they could have a do-over, we can extend grace and forgiveness to them.

And you want to know something really cool? When your children watch you living like this - living with grace and forgiveness, they will learn what grace and forgiveness looks like when you live it out right in front of them.

Until next week,

with grace and joy, Elizabeth

Do Over (from pg.1)

A couple more somewhat related examples... stirred from the phrase "our children watch you living like this." A child that everything he did had to be perfect. He'd even line up his trucks and cars against the baseboard ... in exact size order at night. - We would DELIBERATELY make a small mistake so he'd see us. Then we'd say, 'Opps. make a mistake. I'll just fix that.' - Children watch, learn, and copy... good and bad patterns that we live in front of them. Be careful what you teach them ... by your examples.

People watch you.

If you are seen, by other adults or children, doing ... whatever, 'good' or 'bad,' they learn that behavior or attitude is acceptable or right. - racist, violent, stealing, cheating, and also restoring, making things right, ... whatever. - - We know a situation where the neighbor would take the children out to a restaurant to teach them "restaurant behavior" because the parents never did.

If you are mom, dad, uncle, grandma, even a neighbor, or even a 'stranger,' you ARE being observed. And even if you don't think ANYone sees you ... YOU see yourself ... and God sees you.

Rich

What we do on some great occasion will probably depend on what we already are, and what we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline.

¹And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?

²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is. Romans 12:1&2 (NLT)

I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. 1 Corinthians 9:27 (NLT)

EGO: Easing God Out SIN - Self Interest Now

Lonnie Baxley

Whatever your lot in life... build something on it.

[Slice of Infinity #031] The Lion and the Stream (June 3, 2002)

The Lion and the Stream

Ravi Zacharias

C.S. Lewis, in one little episode from his book *The Silver chair* illustrates God's invitation and our resistance. Aslan, the lion is representative of Christ and Jill one of us.

This is the first time they meet. Listen:

When Jill stopped, she found she was dreadfully thirsty... She listened carefully and felt almost sure she heard the sound of running water. Jill...looked around her very carefully. There was no sign of the Lion; so she plucked up her courage to... look for that running water.

...[S]he came to an open glade and saw the stream, bright as glass... [A]lthough the sight of the water made her feel ten times thirstier than before, she didn't rush forward and drink. She stood still as if she had been turned into a stone, with her mouth wide open. And she had a very good reason: just this side of the stream lay the Lion...



"Are you not thirsty?" said the Lion.

"I'm dying of thirst," said Jill.

"Then drink," said the Lion.

"May I—could I—would you mind going away while I do?" said Jill.

The Lion answered this only by a look and a very low growl. And as Jill gazed at its motionless bulk, she realized that she might as well have asked the whole mountain to move aside for her convenience. The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic.

"Will you promise not to—do anything to me, if I do come?" said Jill.

"I make no promise," said the Lion.

Jill was so thirsty now that, without noticing it, she had come a step nearer.

"Do you eat girls?" she said.

"I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms," said the Lion.

"I daren't come and drink," said Jill.

"Then you will die of thirst," said the Lion.

"Oh dear!" said Jill, coming another step nearer. "I suppose I must go and look for another stream then."

"There is no other stream," said the Lion.

What a powerful illustration this is. We thirst for God. Christ invites us to come and be filled by Him. Yet, fearful of the risk we turn away from Him, still thirsty.

GK Chesterton said it well: Faith and love are apt to be spasmodic in the best of minds. Men and women live on the brink of mysteries and harmonies into which they never enter and with their hand on the doorlatch they die outside.

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Post-its & The Flying Cookie Incident

True story. May 2005. High School science classroom.

The cookie was thrown, not a paper wad, not a paper airplane, but a perfectly good cookie. Since no one would admit to it, the teacher decided to do some investigating. She distributed 3x3 Post-it notes and asked students to write down what they knew or saw. These are six of the notes written by 10th graders.

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I don't know Anything, I was talking to Molly
Brian

I didn't See Nothin Justin

It was brown with chocolate chip & it was
thrown at Dustin Tyler

I don't know nothing, I was sitting beside him the whole time. - Alan

Natalie

I didn't see anything, I did not hear about the cookie until you held up the wrapper in the air.

It flew like the wind, like a
flying saucer, soaring high,
.... then boom It pegged me
like a 10 gallon sack of
salt + vinegar chips
Indeed

DUSTIN

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