



## From The Preacher's Pen

This is Paul, the invalid, speaking, I would love to report thousands being saved, healed and blessed, but with the healing process doing so well in my right hip, there has been little to do but make plans and pray lots.

God has wonderfully touched me; the hip is feeling better and stronger than it has in 8-years. I am sure ready to work and ride, but the Doctor wants me quiet for about three weeks longer. We have been making plans, for sure! We will be leaving shortly for the Army Equine conference near Tucson, AZ, where the various U. S. Army horse units will meet. They kindly let the CAV Chaplain minister to them. The 18-hour drive will be a challenge for me, but I am sure willing to take it on to get to share Jesus with these great men in uniform.

Winter has been unusually strong here in Colorado. The news reports have made it known that the weather in our area has been exceptionally hard on ranchers and stockmen. And we are no exception. We had figured on winter grass until the end of February, but what we have is all under 3 feet of frozen snow. Our hay will be exhausted in two weeks, and we hope the promised help will come. We need much prayer here, and I have come to regard prayer as our most valuable resource. We have lost a few head of livestock, but everything else seems to be holding steady. God has been ever faithful.

March will be upon us quickly, and I hope we can preach a revival for our son's church in Weston, Mo. We also have a Mission's Convention in Alamosa, CO to give ourselves to, and I can't wait to preach! Other mission's service opportunities are promised and I look forward to sharing God's powerful sustenance with our supporting churches.

We would highly value a saturation of prayer through May 21st, as we are only halfway through the effort with the hip surgery. The next operation is scheduled for April 16th. As infection is a big issue with me, I would appreciate the confidence generated by the effectual fervent prayer of all of you precious partners in Rodeo Ministry.

Throughout this time of testing and healing in my life I have overwhelmingly felt the urgency of people counting on us to preach the Gospel in unusual places. This

is intensified by the knowledge that our time before the Lord's return is growing ever shorter, and the night is coming when no man can work. Now, more than any other time in history, we must work while it is day.

Please pray often and fervently for God's healing touch and for our work. And, if it is possible, please help us financially. The medical bills are just surfacing, and are even more staggering than I had expected. And, we are only halfway through the process. I want desperately to get back in the saddle, both in the literal and in the ministerial.

At your service,

Paul and Linda Scholtz



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Valentine's Day is TODAY! Don't forget that special someone in your life! Just to keep things in perspective, the following are random thoughts from children on marriage and romance. Enjoy!

### *How do you decide who to marry?*

"You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming." - Alan, age 10

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with." - Kirsten, age 10

### *What is the right age to get married?*

"Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person forever by then." - Camille, age 10

"No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married." -

## New Look AND New Website Address!

In addition to a MAJOR revision, our website also has a new address. So please take a moment to update or add us to your Favorites list. You can check it out here:



<http://ministers2rodeo.org/>

The new site has only been up for about a month, and we have not even started promoting it yet, but it's already had over 1,300 visitors! It has always been our hope that our website would be an extension of our ministry, and that through it we would be able to reach many others who are hungry for Christ. What an AWESOME confirmation!!

While you're checking out the new site, we would like to encourage ALL of you to sign up as Registered Members. It's FREE, it'll only take a few minutes, and it will give you access to the *Members Only* area of our website. Here's a preview of what you'll find:

Freddie, age 6

***How can a stranger tell if two people are married?***

“Married people usually look happy to talk to other people.” - Eddie, age 6

“You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.” - Derrick, age 8

***What do you think your mom and dad have in common?***

“Both don’t want no more kids.” - Lori, age 8

***What do most people do on a date?***

“Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.” - Lynnette, age 8

“On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.” - Martin, age 10

***What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?***

“I’d run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns.” - Craig, age 9

***When is it okay to kiss someone?***

“When they’re rich.” - Pam, age 7

“The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn’t want to mess with that.” - Curt, age 7

“The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It’s the right thing to do.” - Howard, age 8

***Is it better to be single or married?***

“I don’t know which is better, but I’ll tell you one thing. I’m never going to have sex with my wife. I don’t want to be all grossed out.” - Theodore, age 8

“It’s better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean

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Please keep in mind that the Members Area is new, so some of the areas are kind of bare right now. But we’re confident that you’ll help us change that! And please feel free to let us know what you think or to make suggestions on how we can improve.



**Let It Go For 2007**

By T. D. Jakes

There are people who can walk away from you. And hear me when I tell you this! When people can walk away from you: **let them walk**. I don’t want you to try to talk another person into staying with you, loving you, calling you, caring about you, coming to see you, staying attached to you. I mean *hang up the phone*.

When people can walk away from you let them walk. Your destiny is never tied to anybody that left.

The Bible said that, they came out from us that it might be made manifest that

up after them.” - Anita, age 9

### ***How would the world be different if people didn't get married?***

“There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?” - Kelvin, age 8

### ***How would you make a marriage work?***

“If you want to last with your man, you should wear a lot of sexy clothes, especially underwear that is red and maybe has a few diamonds on it.” - Lori, age 8

“Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck.” - Ricky, age 10



### **Facing Adversity Over and Over**

by Alan Smith

Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on? He asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on. When the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, “Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.” She looked and, sure enough, they were.

It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on-this time on the right feet. He then announced, “These aren't my boots.”

they were not for us. For had they been of us, no doubt they would have continued with us. [1 John 2:19]

People leave you because they are not joined to you. And if they are not joined to you, you can't make them stay.

### ***Let them go.***

And it doesn't mean that they are a bad person it just means that their part in the story is over. And you've got to know when people's part in your story is over so that you don't keep trying to raise the dead. You've got to know when it's dead.

You've got to know when it's over. Let me tell you something. I've got the gift of good-bye. It's the tenth spiritual gift, I believe in good-bye. It's not that I'm hateful, it's that I'm faithful, and I know whatever God means for me to have He'll give it to me. And if it takes too much sweat I don't need it. Stop begging people to stay.

### ***Let them go!!***

If you are holding on to something that doesn't belong to you and was never intended for your life, then you need to..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you are holding on to past hurts and pains ..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If someone can't treat you right, love you back, and see your worth..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If someone has angered you .... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you are holding on to some thoughts of evil and revenge..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you are involved in a wrong relationship or addiction..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you are holding on to a job that no longer meets your needs or talents..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you have a bad attitude..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you keep judging others to make yourself feel better..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you're stuck in the past and God is trying to take you to a new level in

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, “Why didn’t you say so?” like she wanted to. Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off. He then said, “They’re my brother’s boots. My Mom made me wear them.”

She didn’t know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again. She said, “Now, where are your mittens?” He said, “I stuffed them in the toes of my boots...”

As I read that, I thought about how many of our frustrations come about as the result of having to do something over and over. Let me give you an example. A number of years ago, I was having some back trouble and the doctor told me I needed surgery. I counted down the days until I could find some relief. The surgery went well (in fact, I went home less than 12 hours after surgery), but the recuperation didn’t go as planned. Instead of getting relief, I found myself back under the doctor’s knife six weeks later.

I remember that the greatest source of frustration wasn’t the surgery itself. It was the fact that I thought I was getting better, but I had to start all over again. Just when I thought I was making progress, I encountered a setback. I was able to easily muster the emotional strength to face the first surgery, but it was much tougher the second time.

I’ve seen the same thing happen in a number of different areas. I suspect you have, too. Maybe you were hoping to get bills cleared up only to be hit with an unexpected dentist bill or car repair. Maybe its harsh criticism you’re dealing with, a situation at work that’s making it difficult to maintain your Christian standards, or perhaps the struggles of dealing with a rebellious child. You think, “I can handle the difficulty I’m going through as long as I can see the light at the end of the tunnel”. Only just when you’re about at the end of the tunnel and you taken about all you can take, you realize that there’s more adversity ahead and the light is barely visible. I understand; I’ve been there.

The Christian life is long and sometimes difficult. There are times we feel we just can’t take it anymore and we want to give up, especially when we’ve had to face the same adversity over and over and over again. May this passage serve as a source of comfort and strength to you:

*“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:29-31)*

Him..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you are struggling with the healing of a broken relationship..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you keep trying to help someone who won't even try to help themselves..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If you're feeling depressed and stressed ..... ***LET IT GO!!!***

If there is a particular situation that you are so used to handling yourself and God is saying "take your hands off of it," then you need to.... ***LET IT GO!!!***

***Let the past be the past. Forget the former things. GOD is doing a new thing for 2007!!!***

***SO LET IT GO!!!***

Get Right or Get Left .. think about it, and then... ***LET IT GO!!!***

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## **Everything I Needed to Know I Learned from... A Man Named Solomon**

- *Happiness makes you smile* – Proverbs 15:13
- *A kind answer soothes angry feelings* – Proverbs 15:1
- *A true friend will keep a secret* – Proverbs 11:13
- *You will say the wrong thing if you talk too much* – Proverbs 10:19
- *Don’t tell your neighbor to come back tomorrow, if you can help today* – Proverbs 3:28
- *Everyone likes to brag about getting a bargain* – Proverbs 20:14
- *Wise friends make you wise too* – Proverbs 13:20

I pray that your strength will be renewed this day as you wait upon the Lord.  
Hang in there!

This article by Alan Smith, pastor of the White House Church of Christ, White House, Tennessee. You can visit his site at <http://www.tftd-online.com/>

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- *It's better to be honest and poor than to be dishonest and rich* – Proverbs 16:8
  - *Telling lies will get you in trouble* – Proverbs 17:20
  - *Don't give up* – Proverbs 24:10
  - *Make your parents proud, especially your mother* – Proverbs 23:25
  - *Watching what you say can save you a lot of trouble* – Proverbs 21:23
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