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I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. III John 4

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Dear Mike and Debi,

Through your teaching and the ministry of the Holy Spirit to me, I have come to realize that my family is worldly and puts God second. I am ashamed that my boys are more interested in their Playstations and other electronic amusements than they are in taking responsibility. I know they are not developing the skills of manhood. I told them that we were going to put an end to all this foolishness, and they blew up. They say I am being cruel and unreasonable. My wife said I was becoming a fanatic. My question to you is, how do I make them see that it is for their good?

Playstation

BY MICHAEL PEARL

It is a good question, one that has been asked many times before. I share your sentiment about seeing the boys engaged in more productive activities. Your estimation is correct; they are not developing life skills. Playstations are electronic gods that leave children emotionally immature. Many a wife has been jealous of these digital dummies—and rightly so. When a man becomes absorbed with contrived play, he is ceasing to be a man.

To answer your question, keep in mind the rule that I have stated many times before in my advice to

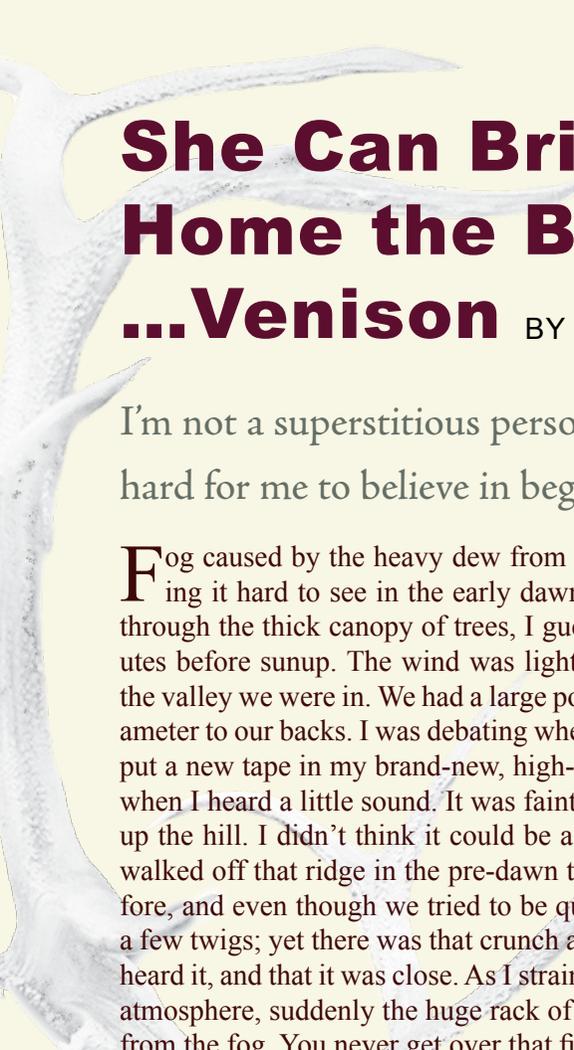
families: “Never take something away without replacing it with something more interesting and better.” If you take away their pleasure, you will definitely appear to be an insensitive tyrant, and worse yet, a religious nutcase, driven by desperation and fanaticism. Rather than doing a police raid and confiscating the wicked thing, provide them with a more interesting alternative that will cause them to choose to walk away from the altar of digital deity. In time, their digital toys will degrade or need upgrading to remain interesting. At such a time, you can deny the upgrade or choose not to repair it. In the intervening time, without taking it away from them, and while providing that “more interesting alternative” which will consume some of their time they would ordinarily be investing in the electronic gods, you can limit the amount of time that they spend on the gadgets. Allow them only one hour each day in front of those screens, but not on weekends when they will have opportunity to be engaged in activities with you or be doing something manly outdoors—sports, hunting, hiking, bicycle riding, etc. In short, wean them off of it with limited use and by providing “distractions” that are more challenging.

I understand the strength of their addiction. They may refuse any alternative. It may be that they do not find anything as fun as punching buttons and looking at a flashing screen. But I know some things that will get their attention—a day shooting guns, camping, fishing, hunting, fixing up an old pickup truck for them to drive when they get old enough—taking it out to the country on a Saturday and letting them drive just a little on the back roads. A normal ten-year-old will drop a Playstation to sit behind a real wheel and feel the power of the gas pedal. Skateboarding, paintball battles, rappelling down cliffs, making bows and arrows, and throwing knives and tomahawks are just a few of the radical things that will get a kid’s attention. You just need to think outside of your own box.

You don’t even need to know what you are doing; just learn together. In time, when they have adopted several of their own hobbies, you can let the electro-gods die a slightly assisted and much welcomed death.



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She Can Bring Home the Bacon ...Venison

BY GABRIEL PEARL

I'm not a superstitious person, but it's no longer hard for me to believe in beginner's luck.

Fog caused by the heavy dew from the night before was making it hard to see in the early dawn light. Looking at the sky through the thick canopy of trees, I guessed it was about 20 minutes before sunup. The wind was light but steady, drifting down the valley we were in. We had a large poplar tree about 3 feet in diameter to our backs. I was debating whether I should go ahead and put a new tape in my brand-new, high-definition Sony camcorder when I heard a little sound. It was faint and seemed to come from up the hill. I didn't think it could be a deer, because we had just walked off that ridge in the pre-dawn twilight not 10 minutes before, and even though we tried to be quiet, we definitely snapped a few twigs; yet there was that crunch again. I was sure now that I heard it, and that it was close. As I strained to see through the thick atmosphere, suddenly the huge rack of a buck distinguished itself from the fog. You never get over that first-sight thrill.

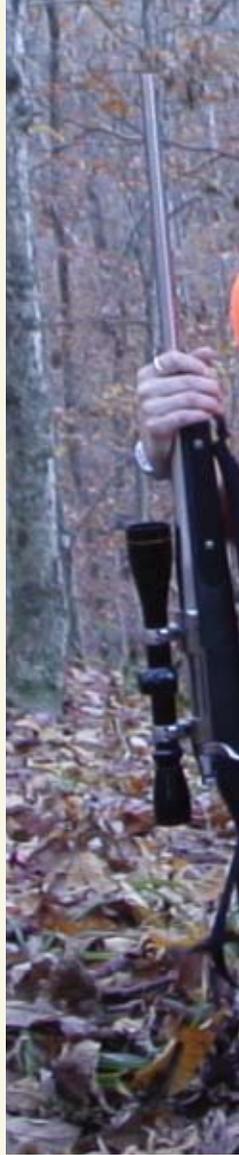
It was mid November, the time of year in Tennessee when people don their ridiculously orange vests and hats, get up in the morning 2 hours earlier than anyone should be up, and excitedly go out to sit in the cold woods without moving until every bone in their body is sore from sitting in one spot, just in hopes of seeing a deer. We call it deer season, and I love every bit of it.

I was blessed to marry a woman who not only understands my love for the woods, but likes to get out and deer hunt with me sometimes. But duties at home have kept her mostly out of the woods for the last few years, so you can imagine my excitement when her sister happily volunteered to babysit, freeing my wife to go with me on opening morning of rifle season. We decided the night before that I would just carry the camera, and she would do all the shooting. Our living room looked like a sporting goods store, with camouflage, deer calls, and gear spread out all over the floor.

I must admit that I was thoroughly zonked when the alarm clock went off, but after a microwaved bacon biscuit and a horrible cup of instant coffee from the local gas station, we were ready to go.

The piece of property we hunt on is over 600 acres of prime deer and turkey habitat in middle Tennessee, surrounded by creeks, rivers, and cornfields. I leased it about 4 years ago, with hopes that careful management might produce trophy bucks one day. What I mean by managing it is simply: We don't shoot any young deer (less than 3 years old). Anywhere from 4 to 6 is getting old for a deer.

I consider myself a dedicated hunter, out there every year and throughout the season, sitting high in tree stands nearly every day, waiting for that trophy buck. So far, I've taken only 1 trophy buck on this new piece of property, and that was last year.





Lori Pearl and her buck.

As a rule, I usually try to walk to my tree stands to keep the deer from knowing that I'm coming, but Lori is 7 months pregnant, a condition not really conducive to long walks in the dark with rubber boots on, so I opted to drive the 4-wheeler as close as possible. I turned the lights off about the last 400 yards and squinted my eyes in the early twilight to stay in the middle of the logging road.

Now here we were, sitting at the base of this old tree with a trophy buck walking our way. With one glance I could see the buck was 4, maybe 5 years old, definitely a mature 8-pointer. I couldn't believe it. He was scent-checking a small tree only about 25 feet away. In a hushed, excited whisper, I told Lori, "Don't move, there's a buck."

"Where?" she silently mouthed. She was looking up the ridge to her left, but just at that moment, the buck began to walk out into clear view. At 20 yards away now, it walked behind a large tree. That was the chance she was waiting for. I proudly watched as she seized the moment and brought her .308 up to her shoulder in one swift motion. The safety, normally silent, broke the morning silence with a faint snap. That was all it took. This deer had not made it to his ripe old age by being stupid. Peering around the edge of the tree with only his eyes and ears sticking out, he quickly picked out our camouflaged forms sitting against the tree. In a flash, he threw up his tail and began to run up the valley away from us. As a last ditch effort, I whistled as loudly as I could in hopes of startling him into stopping to investigate the sound. At 80 yards, he stopped for a brief second to look back. That was all she needed. Lori had been following him in the scope the whole time, and as quickly as it started, it was over. I got some kind of woman! *Contact Gabe and Lori at www.pearloutdoors.com*



Do you KNOW even one couple who says they have a heavenly marriage? I know that the angels in heaven stand amazed at how much a man can love a woman, how he can break down weeping at the thought of how precious she is to him. The reason he loves her so is because she IS precious. She has earned his total adoration and love. She is what God asks of a woman, and the end result is a man who cherishes her beyond anything this world can know.
– excerpt, chapter 12,
Created To Be His Help Meet

CREATED

I am just now starting your book “Created to be His Help Meet.” I must say, when I first started reading it, I did not like you very much. Nevertheless, I decided to put your words into action in our home.

WOW!!!! I did not realize how stubborn and proud I was. So much I have done in ignorance. I thought it would take a long while to see results because I know that I have had the mentality: I am spiritually the strong one. After just one week, I feel like a newlywed. Better, actually. His response to helping me and touching me is better than it ever has been. AND I NEVER HAD TO SAY A THING!!!!!! I did not have to say to him that I felt neglected or that he was being selfish. I never had to ask him to hold me. HE VOLUNTEERED IT ALL ON HIS OWN!!!! We are looking for a church to attend. This is the first time I have ever taken a hands-off to a decision in this marriage. IT FEELS GREAT TO TRUST YOUR MAN. I just wanted to let you know that God has used your words in another life and marriage. Thank you for your obedience to the Lord. – S.T.

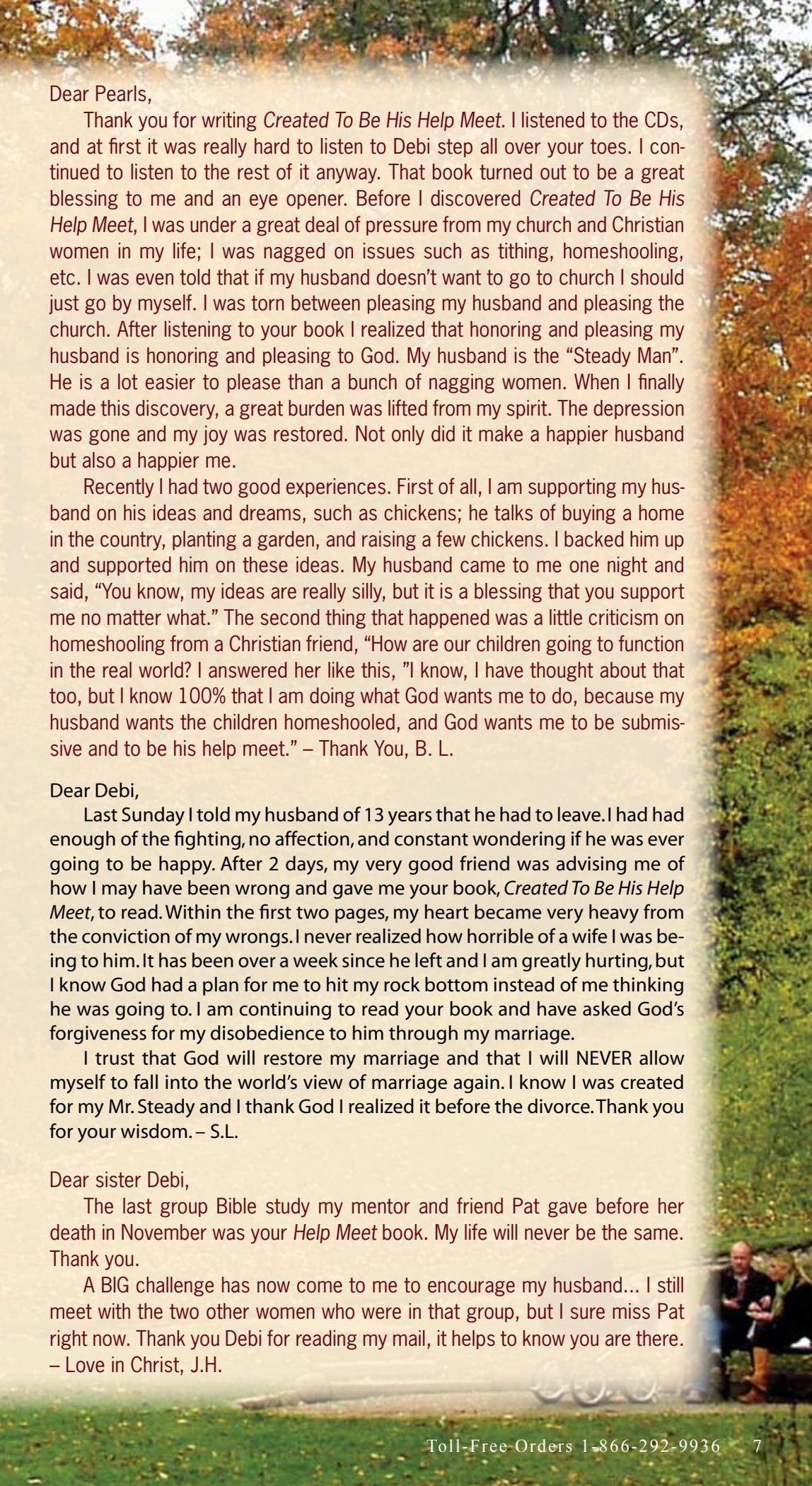
I am writing to tell you I am two chapters away from finishing *Created To Be His Help Meet* which I had ordered about two weeks ago now. I have just ordered *Holy Sex* and *To Train Up A Child* just because of the HUGE difference in my marriage after

JUST ONE WEEK (including my attitude toward my husband and his attitude toward me, I even experienced some financial blessings, and can you believe—ONLY after the first week my husband told me “You are a good wife and mother” and last night he held me in his arms and sighed and said, “This is home.”

Would you believe only three weeks ago he wanted a divorce? I just kept remembering Mrs. Pearl mentioning how a wife can be a crown to her husband—I was SO BLESSED AND THANKED THE LORD. – J.G.

Thank you for *Created To Be His Helpmeet*.

I've read it at least three times since I received it as a free gift to military families in 2005. I'm not like the readers who have written in saying that they and their marriages changed overnight, but I can see how God is teaching me, humbling me, and working through my attempts to love and minister to my husband. I'm amazed every time at how much difference CHOOSING to have a grateful heart makes. Thank you for helping me as a wife.



Dear Pearls,

Thank you for writing *Created To Be His Help Meet*. I listened to the CDs, and at first it was really hard to listen to Debi step all over your toes. I continued to listen to the rest of it anyway. That book turned out to be a great blessing to me and an eye opener. Before I discovered *Created To Be His Help Meet*, I was under a great deal of pressure from my church and Christian women in my life; I was nagged on issues such as tithing, homeshooling, etc. I was even told that if my husband doesn't want to go to church I should just go by myself. I was torn between pleasing my husband and pleasing the church. After listening to your book I realized that honoring and pleasing my husband is honoring and pleasing to God. My husband is the "Steady Man". He is a lot easier to please than a bunch of nagging women. When I finally made this discovery, a great burden was lifted from my spirit. The depression was gone and my joy was restored. Not only did it make a happier husband but also a happier me.

Recently I had two good experiences. First of all, I am supporting my husband on his ideas and dreams, such as chickens; he talks of buying a home in the country, planting a garden, and raising a few chickens. I backed him up and supported him on these ideas. My husband came to me one night and said, "You know, my ideas are really silly, but it is a blessing that you support me no matter what." The second thing that happened was a little criticism on homeshooling from a Christian friend, "How are our children going to function in the real world? I answered her like this, "I know, I have thought about that too, but I know 100% that I am doing what God wants me to do, because my husband wants the children homeshooled, and God wants me to be submissive and to be his help meet." – Thank You, B. L.

Dear Debi,

Last Sunday I told my husband of 13 years that he had to leave. I had had enough of the fighting, no affection, and constant wondering if he was ever going to be happy. After 2 days, my very good friend was advising me of how I may have been wrong and gave me your book, *Created To Be His Help Meet*, to read. Within the first two pages, my heart became very heavy from the conviction of my wrongs. I never realized how horrible of a wife I was being to him. It has been over a week since he left and I am greatly hurting, but I know God had a plan for me to hit my rock bottom instead of me thinking he was going to. I am continuing to read your book and have asked God's forgiveness for my disobedience to him through my marriage.

I trust that God will restore my marriage and that I will NEVER allow myself to fall into the world's view of marriage again. I know I was created for my Mr. Steady and I thank God I realized it before the divorce. Thank you for your wisdom. – S.L.

Dear sister Debi,

The last group Bible study my mentor and friend Pat gave before her death in November was your *Help Meet* book. My life will never be the same. Thank you.

A BIG challenge has now come to me to encourage my husband... I still meet with the two other women who were in that group, but I sure miss Pat right now. Thank you Debi for reading my mail, it helps to know you are there. – Love in Christ, J.H.

Sissy Sensitive Son

"I have a ten-year-old son who is more sensitive than most other boys. He is easily offended and does not play well with boys his own age. He is afraid to try new things. I think he is afraid of failing. Just yesterday, a friend of mine told me that I protect my son too much. We talked about it, and she said more. She said he was weak and needed to be tougher. I asked her why she waited so long to tell me this, and she said she was afraid of offending me. I probably would have been offended if it had been anybody else saying what she did to me, but I guess I suspected it before she said it. Nevertheless, it hurt. She suggested I write to you. Is there anything I can do to fix this and make my son tougher?"

Michael Answers:

I love the question! You are not alone in your need. And I am not afraid of offending you; it's my job. How else can I get your attention? Let's call it by its "insensitive" name. Your son is a sissy, and you want to know how to make a man out of him. Right?

I will address the issue of how to make your son tough, but I must first give balance by cautioning us all (readers in similar situations) against over-reaction. You have undoubtedly observed that children come into the world as varied in personal traits (personality, temperament, gifts, intellect, emotional perspective) as they are in physical characteristics. You may like men who are warriors, and you may be

happily married to one, and have

been anticipating giving your husband a warrior son, but instead, it may be that you gave birth to a poet and musician. What can be even more confusing to a parent is that, when your first two sons were born lion cubs, you then gave birth to a third son who is a lamb. If you raise the lamb identical to your first two sons, he will never be a lion like Esau. He will be a lamb as was Jacob, the father of the Israelites. Like Jacob, your son may prefer cooking wild game to tromping around in the hills trying to shoot it with a homemade bow and arrow. Read the marvelous story of these two brothers—twins—so very different from birth to maturity. Surprisingly, God chose the "sissy." He often does things backwards from the way we think He should. His son, Jesus, taught that "The first shall be last, the last shall be first...the stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner," that sort of thing.

It would be damaging to a child for us to promote our expectations in contradiction to the child's natural propensities. You must work with what God sends you and not try to recast his soul. There is little that is more damaging to a child's emotional and spiritual development than to be raised under a parental cloud of dissatisfaction with regard to his intrinsic qualities. When a kid senses that his parents are not satisfied with who he is, something over which he has no control, he will never be satisfied with himself or anyone else. He will be unhappy and angry, and in time, he will hate himself and those who rejected him. There are a thousand unpleasant directions that this so-called "self-loathing" can take a person. On a side note: no one really loathes himself, for if he did, he would be of all men most happy, seeing his greatest desires come true every day—the hurting of his "self". "Self-disappointment" is a more accurate way of describing the poor self-image syndrome. Self-disappointment is not born, it is taught in early life, or it is a condition acquired later in life after a period of self-criticism.

When unwise parents express disappointment in a child's natural make-up, they are in effect trying to change the nature God gave the child. Children are readily convinced that a parent's view is the correct view. "If Daddy says I am a sissy and not worth a dog's hind leg, it must be true." That child will labor in vain to be worthy, to somehow change himself into what is pleasing to someone else. But, sadly, he chases a changing standard. You, Father and Mother, are at risk of being the ever-changing and dissatisfied standard, predestinating your child to failure and self-disappointment.

So, I warn you to avoid the extreme of rejecting the unique characteristics of the child's nature. That said and understood, I nevertheless must also affirm that I want all my children to be tough, even the delicate ones, and, yes, the girls, too. I also have a personal penchant that all my children should be rugged, gritty, a bit on the wild side, but that is just a cultural preference that has nothing to do with character or the will of God. But an enduring, overcoming spirit cannot be a preference; it is the bare minimum to survive human existence in this wicked age and still smile with sincerity.

Let's review some of the points in the letter and discuss this mother's concerns.

She says her son is "more sensitive than most boys." The Holy Spirit is sensitive. If this is an inherited trait, then allow him to become the conscience of a society that has become unfeeling. Provide opportunity for him to become a man of compassion and healing. But if by "sensitive" you mean he is selfish and touchy about his own feelings, then call it sin, not sensitivity.

She says, "He is easily offended and does not play well with other boys." She didn't say in her letter, but it stands to reason that he has older sisters who are pouty and sulky. My guess would be that Mother is "sensitive" in much the same way. This boy is emulating his emotional environment. One week with the men, and he would no longer be easily offended. Men would not even notice him taking offense, and wouldn't care if he did. "Buck up, kid, and do your work."

"What? He hurt your feelings? Who cares about your feelings? If you don't like it, tell him to bug off."

Mother says, "What's wrong, son?" The men say, "Get up and get back to work."

She says, "He does not play well with boys his own age." Then let him play not so well. If they make fun of him or run over him, rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is the reward of toughness. If he comes to you whining, act amazed and then indifferent. Don't help him cope. Throw him back into the lion's den. He needs to learn some survival skills, not retreat skills. If you customarily allow him a path of escape, you make him weak. I would make sure that he gets an extra dose of other kids his age—like it or not—until he likes it.

She says, "He is afraid to try new things." Then fill his calendar with new things, and throw away all the old. Quit viewing him as incapable, and put him to

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the challenge. We are all afraid of the new and unknown until we have braved the dark door many times and find excitement and growth on the other side; and then, we willingly look for the door to the unknown. Grass grows by being cut. If you don't cut it, it will reach a certain height, and then stop growing. Finally, it will fall over and droop, permanently.

She says, "I think he is afraid of failing." Me, too. I hate failing. But through failing, I have learned that it is a necessary evil on the road to success. There is no other way to lose one's fear of failure except by being devoured a few times, only to discover that you were never once digested.

She says, "Just yesterday a friend of mine told me that I protect my son too much." Oh, what beautiful friends! Who needs expensive counselors when you have friends who are willing to be honest with you? Could it be that your friend has seen the very things that I have already mined out of your own words?

She said, "I asked her why she waited so long to tell me this, and she said she was afraid of offending me." Gotcha! Could it be that the mother whose son is easily offended is also a mother who is easily offended? Cause and effect? So, what would be the cure for the boy? I am not going to tell you. Guess.

Mother asked, "Is there anything I can do to make my son tougher?" My hands are tough from using them, but it started with painful blisters. Mother, you and the daughters that you never told me you had are going to have to stop whining, retreating, and blaming, and get tough right along with your ten-year-old son. Ask your honest and wise friend who risked wounding your sensitive spirit to tell you the truth. She will tell you what to do, point by point. Listen without arguing and making excuses.

Though you have said nothing about him, I know your husband's feelings. He doesn't like your son. He thinks he is a child belonging to mother and the girls, doesn't he? That will never change unless you can toughen your son up. You toughen him up by not letting him ride double. Stop carrying him, protecting him, soothing him, and being so sympathetic. Now, you might rightly say, "Why don't the men toughen him up as you said, instead of ignoring him as a sissy?" The men in his life are not wise or patient. They have left the raising to the ladies. It boils down to this: you can wait on the men, something that will probably never happen, or you can do it yourself, until you create a son that a man will be proud of. Get tough, Mother, and push your son away from your breast. Stop supporting his weakness.

Ha! Listen to you. I can already hear you pulling away from my advice. You can't bear to push your precious son out of the nest, because he needs you to defend him. No, you need him. You just don't like what he has become on your watch. Make up your mind. Do you want a baby or a man?

BERMUDA GRASS TOUGH

We need more men—tough men. Now what do I mean by "tough"? I don't mean rugged. I don't mean rough or hard. I don't even mean bold or aggressive in personality, ready to match words and win an argument. Neither am I saying that all children must be schooled to be leaders, to take charge on important issues.

A stone is tough, but so is Bermuda grass—that soft, thick, hardy grass planted on golf courses. It yields to the hard-driven golf balls, yet it survives the skidding wheels of golf carts and the pounding of ten thousand cleated feet. In dry weather, it does not die, but lies quietly waiting for the rains that will bring it back to its glory. The root bed is thick and intertwined. Trying to kill out Bermuda grass is like trying to splash away the ocean. You do not want to get this exotic grass in your garden. It is tough, and knows how to survive, how to keep reproducing under abuse, and it will eventually dominate bigger and rougher grasses. It is golf-

course tough, football-field tough, backyard tough, cow-pasture tough, drought and flood tough. No, I do not sell Bermuda seed, but believe me, it is tough!.

A “soft” child can be as tough as Bermuda grass without being particularly macho or brawny. This inner toughness will make the spirit resilient in adversity. One who is so strengthened in his spirit will not allow obstacles to stop him, or the pounding of public opinion to deter him. When everyone misunderstands, he does not succumb to self-doubt.

The world is a giant, confidence-eating cud chewer. It seeks our defeat. Whatever path we choose in life will be littered with signs that say, “Closed to you; you can’t do it; this is for people more talented or advantaged; you can’t make a difference.” And when you believe the signs and stop to ponder, you will hear voices that say, “You are not important; no one cares; it is not worth it; quit now.” The weak go no further. They settle down and accept the lot that is handed to them and spend the rest of their lives unhappy and unfulfilled. The tough don’t believe the signs and never slow down to listen to the voices. They are the doers, the precedent setters, the pioneers. Their accomplishments may never win Nobel prizes or be recognized with applause at a banquet; but they will know in their hearts that they have run the course and overcome the hardships to conquer, even in the little areas that may only matter to a quiet few. But they were not quitters, slackers, or buck passers. At the end of life, they will have tasted of the sweetness, heard the music, and worn the crown of victory, even if it is simply a paper crown given by a thankful grandchild or an appreciative spouse. The tough will earn the admiration and appreciation of the few or the many. But, in the end, they will be able to say, “I have lived, and it was good...very, very good.”

You get the idea? It is not a tough exterior that God desires or that people admire; it is a tough spirit, an overcoming spirit, a spirit of service, caring not for the sparse thanks, nor flinching at misunderstanding.

Many have been schooled to fight, to not cry, to never admit weakness. People call them tough, but inside, they may actually be weak and insecure. Too often, a “tough” man is not tough enough to say, “I’m sorry,” not tough enough to get up after a big let-down. Rather, he crumbles under life’s burdens and turns to drink, drugs, pornography, or self-pity. He listens to country music and blames somebody else for his woes. Like a bad dog weakened from a lost fight, he retreats and lashes out in anger at those who would heal his wounds. He is alone, proclaiming his strength, but manifesting nothing but weakness. He is not as tough as the callouses on the hand of a violinist who persevered and was acclaimed for his achievements.

So, Lady, your concern is my concern, that modern families should culture more tough men and women. The Scriptures say, “...quit you like men, be strong” (1Cor. 16:13). It takes a strong and tough mother to produce strong and tough boys. The next generation will need to be tougher than this present one if they are going to survive the immorality and materialism that prevails.

Lady, in parting I would like to say just one thing to your husband, “Shame on you.”

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FROM OUR MILITARY OVERSEAS

Dear NGJ & Pearls,

Thank you so much for sending me the care package that you did! I shared with another Christian here and we both loved it! Your book *Created To Be His Help Meet* has really inspired me. Thank you so much. God has done many amazing things through this. - In His Love, Amanda

Good Afternoon Sirs,

I just received a box from your office with CD's and your wonderful book *Good and Evil*.

I have friends here, translators from Iraq do you have any parts or part of the book in Iraqi language that I could share with them.

I have also shared and showed your *Good and Evil* book to many soldiers and everyone would like to have one. Many soldiers have never seen anything like it before. The *Holy Sex* study is written very well and I would like to start a study on this. We would love to have more of the *Holy Sex* and the book *Good and Evil* sent to us, as many as you can spare. I very much appreciate all the great support of No Greater Joy Ministries. - Many Blessings, U.S. Military Personnel

My husband asked me to donate to the Good & Evil ministry; it is heart-warming to read of those saved in prisons after reading this book. I also wanted to send some funds for your military ministry. My husband is deployed to Iraq right now and will sadly miss the birth of our second child. When he was last deployed aboard an aircraft carrier, you sent him your 'military box' It was such a blessing to him. Thank you for caring about us and other military families, and recognizing how hard it is to be separated from loved ones. Your prayers are very much appreciated. - Jennie

Dear Michael & Debi Pearl,

Thank you so for the care package for military families. It was a huge blessing. My husband was able to use some of your marriage DVD's to help a struggling soldier and his wife. - God bless, Ashley

PS: My husband is in Afghanistan but he was thrilled to have tools to minister while there.

Thank you for the free literature to military families. Thank you also to Rebecca for her poem that makes us feel understood and appreciated. - Liz

My husband is in the military and he is gone very frequently for training, etc. I feel a heavy burden while he is away and your literature helps me to ease the load. We spent a year abroad and did not have family to call on when we needed it. I felt like you were that family encouraging us to be the best parents we could be. - May God Bless you, H.H.

No Greater Joy Staff



I had just returned from the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, having won an invitational knife and tomahawk throw with 34 top notch competitors. Factoring in the judges, 37 states were represented and at least one foreign country. The trophies awarded were the best I had ever received, and I was very gratified with my title and the year-long bragging rights that go with it. But there was a far greater award of recognition awaiting me when I got home. It was from Iraq, and it was for the entire NGJ staff. When they showed it to me, my carnal awards faded into insignificance.

Since July 1, 2006, we have sent over 2,050 packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and to their wives and children at home. Each package contains books, CDs, Bibles and household items worth over \$100.00 per package.

“MEN ONLY, NOT BOYS” LETTER FROM A WIFE

Dear Michael & Debi,

Concerning “Men only, Not Boys”:
Thank you. You finally told the other half of the story! For years my husband

and I have counseled newlyweds: Treat your wife like a queen and she’ll treat you like a king; treat your husband like a king and he’ll treat you like a queen. A heavenly marriage is not a 50-50 proposition. Not long ago I commented to someone at church that we have a harmonious marriage because my husband is a man of peace who is committed to not fighting. He overheard me and with a surprised look said, “I thought it was because you were committed to submitting to me!” It was my turn to look surprised. The truth is “it takes two to tango.” Yes the wife needs to submit, but the husband needs to be a servant-leader like Jesus.

Please indulge me while I brag on my husband a bit. I remember a time while we were still courting when I was two hours late meeting him. Years of experience had taught me that keeping a man waiting for any length of time is a federal offense. I arrived, cringing, and expecting an explosion. I don’t remember now why I was late, but I’ll never forget his response. After I apologized, he calmly and gently told me he forgave me; he was relieved that I was okay and glad that I was there now! I learned something about the character of Christ that day.

Once when we were cleaning up after a reception at church, a friend of mine saw my husband carrying trays and asked him how I had trained him to help like that. I said, “I didn’t.” (Good job, Mom and Dad!) This is the man who changed many a diaper, washed many a dish, read many a kiddy book, manned many a vacuum cleaner, and helped cook many a meal. When I was very ill, he carried me to the tub, bathed me, dressed me, and carried me back to bed.

His words are often so sweet to my soul. He regularly thanks me for doing his laundry and cooking his meals. When I’m grumpy, he makes a point of being very cheerful. Occasionally he writes me sweet notes. He tells me that I’m cute, intelligent, sexy, talented, awesome, and pretty. Can you believe it? A gray-haired gal like me! You mentioned adventure, Michael. My husband is not the John Wayne type (thank you, Lord!), but any man who is determined to obey the Lord will find adventure. How about moving half way across the nation just because God said to go? No house, no job, no friends, no family and very little money.

Watching the Lord miraculously provide for every need was truly an adventure! (Hey, I like pinto beans. And did you know that God cares about even yogurt and spinach?) Other adventures include studying French in Quebec, home schooling, leaving an engineering job to move and go to seminary, writing a book, teaching in an Amish school, learning a new vocation, building our own home from the footers up (debt-free), and foster parenting. Whatever the adventure, we’re a team.

Now, you probably wouldn’t pick my husband out in a crowd. He just quietly goes about serving God, his family, and the body of Christ. Is he perfect? No. Is he always unselfish? No. Neither am I. But he is man enough to apologize, even in front of the church, if necessary. Is it any wonder that I want to submit to this man? I hope I haven’t bored you by lauding my husband’s merits. In any case, this letter has been a good exercise for me. I think I just fell in love all over again. - Blessings, D. K.

Beware: Book Banned by Pastor

Dear Debi,

I have to tell you a crazy story. Keep in mind that we go to a conservative church. Several of the people homeschool and use your child-training literature, including us. I finally got around to ordering *Created To Be His Help Meet* when my marriage seemed to be falling apart. I had really thought I was honoring God in my relationship toward my husband, yet I felt like I was living in prison, with him as my jailer.

I couldn't put the book down. It was just so liberating. I finally understood what God meant for me as a wife to be like, and I loved it. My husband REALLY loved it. It is like a fairy tale, it is so good. I was thrilled when my husband handed me \$200 and told me to buy a case of the books to give away at church. It was like giving out miracles.

Two Sundays later, our pastor stood in the pulpit and said that he was banning *Created To Be His Help Meet* from the church members, because it was too divisive. He said if we owned one, we were to throw it away. We were shocked. He has never banned church members from watching X- or R-rated movies. He has never banned anything, so why a simple marriage book?

After church, we asked our pastor what was in the book that was not right. He told us it was not because the book was not Scriptural, but because it was divisive, and therefore not good for the church body. My husband told him our marriage had been almost over, but because I had read *Created To Be His Help Meet*, we are more in love than we ever were.

Our pastor admitted he had not even read the book, but that several women had come to him insisting that he ban the book because it causes conflict. Are a few women going to decide what the rest of us are ALLOWED to read? If they don't like it, we will not DEMAND that they read it, so why do they DEMAND that the rest of us not be ALLOWED to read it?

So, now our church is really in an uproar, because a dozen or so couples are wonderfully in love for the first time in their marriage, having already read the book before the BANNING. It is hard to keep our mouths shut. Others want to know how the miracle happened...but our pastor says it is against "the law" of the church...the ONLY law our church has ever had.

This blows our minds.

– A happy wife in Texas



Photography: José Waletta, sxc.hu

We have received many such letters.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY

I am so excited about your ministry and what God is going to do for my family and many others with the materials you offer. Thank you for being so direct about what is right and not sugar-coating the Word as so many others do. You are truly a blessing! - C.W.

Thank you for your inspirational reading material! We enjoy them all. Especially the articles of family marriage and herbs... It's great to encourage one another to live for our Lord! Please use the money for the prison ministries. - In Him, S. & L.

I just learned about your ministry. As a mom I am always open to extra knowledge on how to do my job better, and I was curious about your approach. That led me to your web site and, WOW! I will actually have to force myself to stop reading and go to bed to prevent being on the computer all night. I have been in a serious funk of sorts regarding my position as a wife of 5 years and mother of 2 boys. I found every article that I have read about marriage, children, and the duty of a wife to be totally encouraging while at the same time revealing to the areas in my life that require serious change. Thank you for writing your magazine and for the spirit-guided style you write it with. - E.T.

TO TRAIN UP A CHILD

Thank you so much for your wonderful ministry. We have many young parents in our congregation. I know *To Train Up A Child* will help them be the parents God has called them to be.

I have shared many of your NGJ magazines and books they have blessed so many. - Gloria

SIN NO MORE

I have twice listened to the "Sin No More" CD that I bought from you, and having been raised a Baptist, it was the best sermon I have ever heard in my life. - Thank you, A.P.

My 6-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter listened to the Sin No More and Romans series. They changed, and so did I! Wide is the path that leads to destruction and narrow is that which leads to eternal life and few will find it. My children and I just studied this in the comic bible along with the KJV. How sad. However, our prayers are that NGJ keeps spreading truth and the lost shall be found and saved! Thank you for seeking truth and yielding to God's holy word! I wish I could afford all your material but I can't, so thank you also for making so much of your material available free online! - A.B.

Dear Debi,

A group of ladies in our church have taken it on as a ministry to freely give your book to those around us. So far we have given out 72 book and this is our fourth order.

Your book *To Train Up A Child* has also been a blessing to our family. Thank you for your work in the Lord. - In Him, P.D.

FROM A PRISON CHAPLAIN

We send greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from the chapel at Mayo Correctional Institution.

I am writing this letter on behalf of the men that are incarcerated here. We are in great need of your support in our ministry outreach. I am interested in receiving your pamphlet "Pornography Road to Hell". These inmates are very eager to grow and learn.

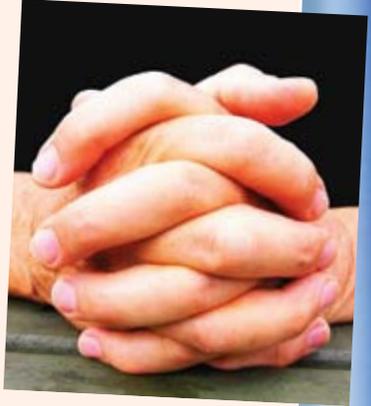
The Department of Corrections does not allocate funds to purchase religious material. Therefore, we must depend on others to assist us in ministering to these men who need guidance and knowledge.

We believe that the only way to change a man is to change his heart. We use any tools that we can to reach these men and show them that God truly loves them, no matter how bad they think they have been.

At the present time we have approximately 1700 inmates, so it would be greatly appreciated if you could send 100 to 200 of these.

Let me say thank you in advance for anything you may be able to donate for God's work.

- In His Service, Louis Medaris, Senior Chaplain



ANSWERING THE CRITICS ARTICLE

I want to say THANKS so much for the article "Answering the Critics." I was introduced to your ministry about 5 or so years ago through *To Train Up A Child*. Since hearing that you were "sin no more" teachers, I have held you at arm's length. I would see your tapes and booklets (such as "Sin No More" and the 1 John 1:9) that I knew I just didn't agree with. And I was also told not too long ago that you believe that babies are without sin and learn to become sinners. I have even passed on this false info myself, I am sorry to say. But now that I've read your latest article, I'm happy to tell everyone that I've been wrong. Thanks so much for setting the record straight. I've been able to take my arm down and enjoy your teachings. I recently downloaded some of your online audio. In listening to them (1 John 1:9, Salvation and a few others) I've found that I believe the same thing that you teach, only you explained it even more. It actually spurred me on to go back and study 1 John all over again for myself. I have *Created To Be His Help Meet* and, though I don't completely agree with everything, I must say, it did teach me a lot about what my role as a wife can and should be. It's been blasted at my church, only read partially, and taken out of context. I've actually had to defend myself in reading and owning it. But, it's still on my shelf and I still refer back to what I remember reading in it, trying to apply it to my life. I have loved reading your magazines, with Debi and Shoshanna's herbal info becoming my favorite. Now I enjoy the Pearls even more. Thanks so much and God bless you and your ministry. – S.A.

Esther Stewart (10) and her Mom made these delicious muffins

Basic Muffins

- 3 c. whole wheat flour
- 2 c. buttermilk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- ¼ c. maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 c. dried bilberries, soaked in water for one hour, then straining water and leaving berries

Soak flour in buttermilk, kefir or yogurt in a warm place for 12 -24 hours. Muffins will rise better if soaked for 24 hours. (Those with milk allergies may use 2 cups filtered water plus 2 tablespoons whey, lemon juice or vinegar in place of undiluted buttermilk, kefir or yogurt.) Blend in remaining ingredients. Pour into well-buttered muffin pan (preferably stoneware), filling about three quarters full. Bake at 325 degrees for about 1 hour or until a toothpick comes out clean.*

Photography: Elizabeth Stewart



Naturally-fermented wheat berry (germ) extract has been subjected to a great deal of research, particularly in the area of cancer treatment. So far, it has exhibited positive effects against all forms of cancer cell lines tested. It works as an immune booster, inhibits glucose metabolism in cancer cells (every form of cancer cells requires large amounts of glucose), and it triggers cancer cell suicide by making cancer more recognizable to your immune system. Learning to cook using fermented foods is more than tasty, it is healthwise to do so.

— by *Shoshanna Easling*

Shoshanna and her husband James own The Bulk Herb Store. To purchase bilberries or a copy of *Nourishing Traditions* contact them at 1-877-278-4256 or www.BulkHerbStore.com



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Rose Petal Fruit Salad



By Shoshanna (Pearl) Easling

Cut into bite-size pieces one cup each of apples, pears, pineapples, plums, grapes, and bananas (or whatever fruit you have on hand). Combine first six ingredients in a pretty bowl. Lightly fold ½ cup of rose petals into the fruit. Squeeze the juice of a lemon or lime onto the fruit. Sprinkle pecans over the top.

* Chill and enjoy. *



Photography: Elizabeth Stewart



Real fellowship and teaching says, “Hey, who wants to help me make a delicious, fabulous, wild fruit salad, with real rose petals in it?”

Carolyn Beachy (12) and her sister, Judith Anne (7), having fun making fruit salad together.





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Jocelyn Pearl

Chocolate Junkie

by Gabriel Pearl

Until recently, I never understood the passage “...they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies” (Psalm 58:31)

Our first child Jocelyn was born in August of 2005. She is all lady, delicate, soft, sweet, and mostly compliant. The joy she brings into our lives is incredible. Every day brings a laugh and a challenge. It is awesome to watch her discover new things and develop into a social person.

Every moment is a hyper-learning experience for her. In just two years, her skills have gone from just smiling to skillfully manipulating others to her will. She has confirmed what I have long suspected: The strongest carnal desire built into our bodies is to satisfy the taste buds. That is clearly related to the first human sin.

At about ten months, mother’s milk was no longer enough, and Jocelyn began her career as a connoisseur of foods. I gave her a chocolate cookie one day when Lori wasn’t home, just to see what she would do. She attacked it like a dog on a ham bone. In six or seven minutes, it was reduced to just a few fragments lingering on her face. It wasn’t long before she learned her third word, repeated constantly with fervor, “chawkur”. At first, we weren’t sure what she was saying. I carried her around the house and told her to show me what she needed. She kept repeating “chawkur”, like a metal detector beeping over an ancient gold coin. She reached her highest peak when I walked in front of the chocolate stash.

Fast-forward to one and a half years later. Lori and I were invited over to a friend’s house for brunch. As we arrived, we were talking about the people we were going to meet and what we were going to be doing. When we parked, I got out of the vehicle and waited for Lori to grab the baby. But Jocelyn suddenly looked sleepy and was saying something I hadn’t heard her say before. She repeated it several times. Walking back to the vehicle I asked Lori, “Is she saying what I think she’s saying?” “I’m tired, Mama, tired.” Looking at Lori, I questioned, “Has she ever said that before?” Lori replied with a quick, “No, I don’t think she even knows what that means.” Furthermore, she had only gotten up two hours earlier, and nap time was several hours away. Peering through the window, I replied, “I guess she does know;” because she was lying on the seat, clutching her blanket tight, and sucking her fingers as she does when she’s ready for bed.

We shut the door, rolled down the window a little, left her there, and walked to the back of the vehicle. I asked Lori quickly if she knew what was going on and why Jocelyn was acting this way. We were concerned, so we walked back to take a look at our sleepy child. But Jocelyn was up and prowling around the center con-

Some of my favorite memories of growing up are of working beside my parents. I recall with pleasure working side by side

with my mom in the kitchen, spilled flour on the floor and messy dough on our hands. “Just a good pinch of baking soda will make a cup of flour rise if you add a sour liquid,” she would say. She would give me a reason for every ingredient that went into the bowl. Mom never followed recipes, so not everything she cooked turned out tasting just right, but then I would learn why, and what I could do to change it to make it be perfect the next time.

By the time I was 13 or 14 years old, I passed her up in the culinary department, especially when it came to using herbs for seasoning. Dad bragged on my cooking so much that Mom would have me season everything she cooked. It gave me ample opportunity to learn what herbs complemented certain foods best. I became a real chef. I simply LOVED to cook. I also learned another important lesson, and that was how to teach others. Mom’s way of teaching made it natural for me to want to teach others. I remember vividly the pleasure I had after tasting, touching, smelling, mixing and cooking, and then hearing Dad’s praise when something tasted wonderful. The same thrill I felt as a child comes back to me now when I am teaching others. Mom gave me two special gifts—cooking and, more importantly, the love of teaching others.

Kids run off when they hear their parents say,

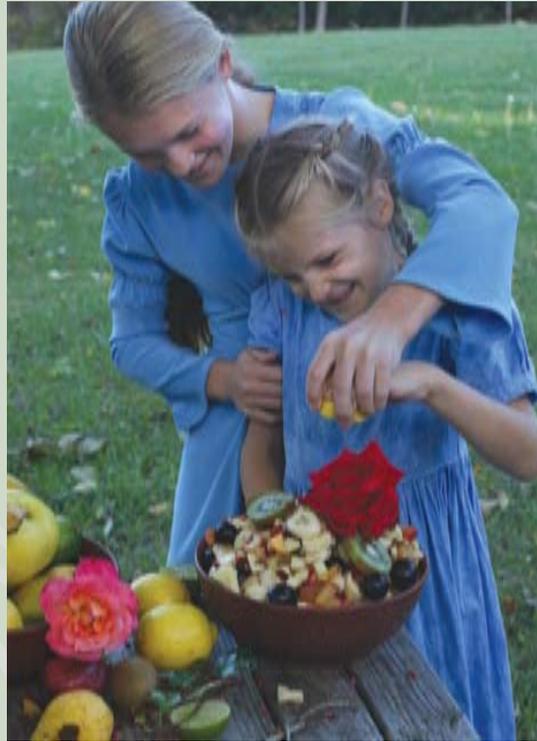
“OK, it’s family time.”

“OK, it’s time for homeschool.”

“OK, it’s Bible-study time.”

“Ok, let’s spend some quality time together. I want everyone to come into the living room and sit down.” Just hearing those words are enough to zap the fun out of life and shut the brain down so it can’t learn.

Real fellowship and teaching says, “Hey, who wants to help me make a delicious, fabulous, wild, fruit salad with real rose petals in it?” - *Shoshanna (Pearl) Easling*



sole with all the energy of a practiced burglar. As we came around and looked in the front window, we saw our sweet and innocent baby ripping open a cellophane package of chocolate. Earlier in the day, she had stood by quietly watching as we put the chocolate into the console. She didn’t demand any at the time, because she knows that we greatly limit her consumption of this delightful treat. My two-and-a-half-year-old daughter had secretly planned and almost executed an illegal heist of a most precious and guarded treasure. As we stood in amazement laughing, the implications of this premeditated deception, lying, and thievery were startling. My sweet, innocent little daughter is a genuine sinner, just like the first innocent woman in the Garden of Eden! Jocelyn is our first child. It looks to me like being a dad and a mom is just about to get tougher.

BECOMING A BEAR

I just wanted to say "Amen!" to Gabriel's article "Becoming a Bear". I've always had a hard time being assertive, but when it comes to my two precious sons, I feel like a mama bear. As a child, my husband was a "fawn". He was molested by a pervert church leader on an overnight church trip. The guy was sentenced to several years in prison but is now out. He is free, but our lives have been changed forever because he passed along a STD which we both have now. We were virgins when we married, but because of him we feel dirty. I pray that parents will wake up and protect their little ones from all the sick "coyotes" in this world.



TOO NAIVE BRINGS HEARTBREAK

Let me begin by saying that we are very protective parents. We have always had rules for the children's safety, that our children go everywhere in pairs, we allow no spending the night with friends, we have never had television in our home, always home educated, and we have always been careful of close associations.

Our hearts were broken beyond what I could ever say when we recently learned that our little precious girl had been molested right under our noses by the teenage son of one of my dearest friends. We never saw it coming. He always did his evil when our children were playing group games.

The most difficult days I have EVER had as a parent were having to hear the details of my daughter's molestation, but it was important that the police know as much as possible. It hurt ever so much more as the trouble came at the hand of a beloved friend who used our friendship, and because our friends, in protecting their child, failed to protect our children (and the rest of theirs).

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- Answers to your merchandising or marketing questions

For more information or to sign up, contact our General Manager:

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HEARTS OF THE FATHERS

Dear NGJ,

As I set out to replace the fuel pump and sending unit in my 1992 pick up truck, I had a certain amount of time before I had to have it finished so I could go to work. I had lowered the fuel tank and replaced the parts and was in the middle of re-installing the fuel tank when my wife brought the kids out for some play time and fresh air. My little guy who is two years old and thinks he is a full grown man already, decided he was going to give Dad a hand.



I was lying under my truck and he came and laid down on the ground and placed his back and head on my chest. Long ago I would have been irritated and would have wanted to get him out of the way so I could finish the job and move on to the next project. (Malachi 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.) But I couldn't help but pause and take a moment to enjoy my son. I thank God for moments like this. I got to feel his head resting on my chest again and smell his hair as it was pressed up against my face. He thought "wow I'm helping my Dad". Dad thought "wow a moment with my son". The funny thing was when he pretended to start snoring. That's when Momma walked up and I told her I thought all this time he knew Dad worked on things to fix them but he actually thinks Dad comes out, crawls under his truck and takes naps.

Thanks for your ministry and all that you do. We have just become distributors and are in the process of becoming a legit business. I want my family to have the mindset of entrepreneurship. This is the freest country in the world, the home of the free and the brave. Its freedom was bought with a high price. We need to take advantage of it while we can. Thanks for all the wisdom you share with us.

- The Wilson's Indialantic, FL

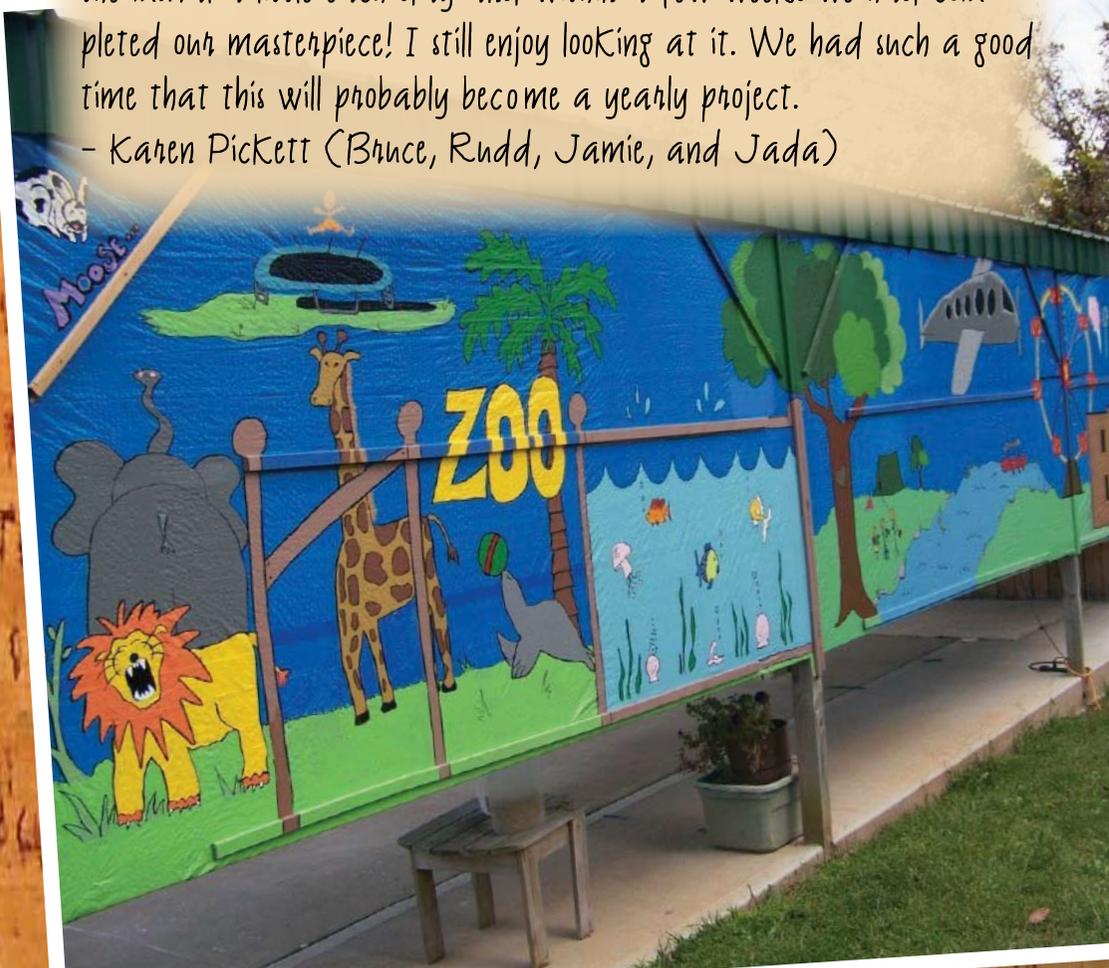


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Benjamin
Aprile, age 13

Dear Mike and Debi,

We did a family project this summer, we painted a mural on a tarp that protects our Knife throwing range. The mural depicts all the things we wanted to do over the summer. As a family we sat down and drew out our dreams. My husband and I laid out the drawings on a scaled down model and then we drew in the artwork with a permanent marker on the tarp. I went to a hardware store and picked out 5 or 6 basic colors of sample house paints. We had a lot of fun mixing the paints to create the colors we needed. We painted on the mural a little each day and within a few weeks we had completed our masterpiece! I still enjoy looking at it. We had such a good time that this will probably become a yearly project.

- Karen Pickett (Bruce, Rudd, Jamie, and Jada)





Good and Evil Translations Now Complete!

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Young man sacrifices to
give so others can read the
Good and Evil book.

Dear Mr. Pearl,

My name is James Krantz and I am 11 years old. Me and my family love your book "Good and Evil". I would like to donate this money to help you make more of them. It's some of what I earned mowing lawns and shoveling snow in my neighborhood. My mom says I am the kind of boy that Mike Pearl likes. And I believe her because I've listened to your CDs and I think they are great!

Your friend and fellow christian
Soldier James

P.S. we are a homeschool family



Mike

Michael takes first place at the first-ever Frontiersmen Knife and Tomahawk competition held in the Alamo, and sponsored by the International Knife Throwers Hall of Fame.



Rudd

Rudd's throwing range that his brothers and sisters helped him to build. Rudd (age 12) competes with some of the best throwers in the country.

Bad Days?

By Shalom (Pearl) Brand

I would like Shalom to answer a question for me. Does she ever have days when the kids are terrible, crying and unhappy all day long, or is her life always just too good to be true? Marie

Dear Marie,

I, too, am a mother who is still learning and has many failings. I do not know all the answers, so I start every day with an expectation of learning something new and of trying to be a better wife and mother. I regularly seek advice from others. I just pray that when Gracie and Laila are grown, they will not remember my failings, but rather my desire to see them walk with the Lord.

Just a few days ago as I was standing talking to my Dad, Gracie was playing with a stick nearby. She began hitting the dog with it. He retaliated by taking the stick and running. When she couldn't catch the dog, she became frustrated and started to scream her protest. I wanted to laugh, for I was thinking, "What a smart dog." But then I became embarrassed that Gracie was acting this way in front of my Dad. And you know who my Dad is!

It has happened to all of us—our "perfect" children choosing the wrong time and place to act up. Last Sunday at church, the children were all called up front to sit on the floor and listen to the children's story. But when Gracie was directed to join them, she let out a scream in front of the whole church. Her Dad took her behind the scenes and administered a little understanding to her, so she is not likely to make that mistake again.

I have said it before, I know I am weak and too soft, and it is sometimes reflected in Gracie's response to me. Although I spend more time training Gracie than does my husband, she occasionally challenges my authority. But, she is noticeably quick to obey her Dad. Everybody tells me I am not tough enough, a little too passive at times. They also say I am gullible.

I can't help being gullible and soft, but I can refuse to let it control my child training. Rather than put up a defensive wall that says, "Leave me and my children alone, I am doing just fine," I say, "I need to be tougher, so I will listen to the advice of those whom I respect in the area of child training." A lot of times, if you will just listen to what your husband or a friend says, you will realize where your deficiencies are and will be able to work on correcting them.

Never let pride tell you that you know better; be willing to take their advice.



Some times I have to try several different things until I find the one that works best for Gracie, and me. By the time Laila, who has a completely different personality, is as old as Gracie, I'm certain that I will still have to make adjustments and learn new things in training her. The basic principles remain the same for every parent and every child, but the approach will need to differ with each child. For instance, my parents knew that by nature I was more gullible and more vulnerable than my siblings, so they were a lot more protective of me. My family was amazed that I stood up and took command, training Gracie as well as I have. But I am not amazed, because any successes I have come from relying on my husband's strength and courage.

So you ask me, "Do I ever have a day where everything goes wrong and the children will not stop crying?" I sure do. I have found that my children will pick up on my emotional temperament and take the worst of it as their model for the day. All mothers need downtime, a time to relax and unwind. When bad days come, stop disciplining, since it is not working anyway, and just kick back and enjoy that downtime with your children. Read a book; the dishes can wait. Put a puzzle together; give the little ones a bath. This always seems to work for me. Do anything to change the pattern of a bad day in the making.

So, when Daddy comes home and asks, "How was your day?" You can honestly reply, "A great together day—a little behind on the chores, but we can catch up tomorrow."

No, you would not call me a perfect mother, and my children are not perfect. But, in answer to your question, "Yes, life with my children is too good to be true."

NEW BOOK FOR MEN

By Michael Pearl

I am writing a book just for men. Wives have read *Created To Be His Help Meet* and became better helpers, but what about the men? Are they going to get a free ride, basking in the undeserved privileges of their male roles?

Ladies, I need your help. What do you want me to say to the men? Here is your chance, everything you always wanted to tell your man but were afraid to say it. I will take your heart concerns and suggestions in this new book and load it with dynamite and blow his indifference away.

Men, what is the problem? Why is your marriage not as good as it could be? What would you change about yourself or your wife if you could? What causes the greatest frustration? What about anger? Why do you get so ticked? I am going to say a few words to the ladies in this book, because I know they are going to sneak a peek at the contents while you are at work. They are going to do a little spying, just so they will know what standards to hold you to. What do you want me to tell that wife of yours—something you would like to say but aren't sure you should? She is not my wife; I don't mind making her mad if that's what it takes. What should I tell her?

Hey, kids, I would like to hear from you, also. What do you see in your family that you would like to change, especially as it relates to your father? How does your father affect your home life, good, bad, or indifferent? Husbands and wives, help me make this the most relevant book ever written to men (and a little bit to women). I don't need your name or address. I will not print anything that betrays your identity. I don't want to be an accomplice to a tongue lashing or a cold bed. You can write or email*. I would prefer email. In the subject line use: Men's Book. Thank you.

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Spurgeon is a heretic?

I'm writing to ask, "Where is the consistency?" Your newsletter regularly promotes the book, "The Other Side of Calvinism". It's proclaimed to be "...the best book exposing the heresies of Calvinism...." Yet, in your Nov-Dec 2007 newsletter, you have an article featuring Charles Spurgeon, one of the biggest Calvinist of all time. So, where is the consistency? If Calvinism is a heresy, then Spurgeon is a heretic. Yes, or no?

Michael answers:

There prevails a misconception, historically promoted by Calvinists, that the great doctrines of the faith are the product of, and exclusive to, Augustinian Calvinism. I have read and appreciated many wonderful works written by professed Calvinists. I graduated from a strong Calvinist Bible College. If you have read much of Spurgeon, you know that you will read a thousand pages and not come across anything that is exclusively Calvinistic. He teaches the same gospel that is taught by so-called Arminians, like Wesley and Finney. The old Methodist and the General Baptist churches preached the wonderful words of grace and life exactly as Spurgeon did. Long before Luther or Calvin, the gospel Spurgeon preached was believed and taught by many non-Catholic groups

throughout the Dark Ages, and even all the way back to the Apostle Paul. If the Apostle Paul were to preach in a Calvinist School, he would be labeled a Pelagian or an Arminian and never invited back.

Sound Biblical exegetes do not reject all that a professing Calvinist believes; we reject those doctrines in particular that interpret the total depravity of man as an inability of the sinner to choose Christ after having been drawn by the Holy Spirit. I have read thousands of pages of Spurgeon and only found one place where I found him to be in error regarding this subject.

If I say your apple pie is no good because it has too much salt, that doesn't mean I don't like apples, brown sugar, and spices.

Finally, if Spurgeon were representative of all Calvinists, the "kinky" twists of Calvinism would never be known. Old-fashioned Methodists and Bible-believing Baptists would invite him to preach an autumn revival.



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To make a long story short, I was born and raised in Satanism. At the age of 15, I ran away from home. I found a church in CA and a family from there took me in. They laid down some rules and told me that if I stayed there, that I would have to follow the rules just like the rest of their children. They had read your book and showed it to me and told me how they disciplined their children. They really did love me as their own and made me feel loved as well. Everything was fine for the first couple of days. Then I found out that I was going to be homeschooled like the rest of the children. I didn't like the idea and when I was working on one of the subjects, I heard my new Dad call out, "Dawn, come here please." I yelled back in a very non-respectful way, "Leave me alone, I'm busy!" He came into the dining room and told me to come into the living room and bend over the couch. I exploded! I cursed and told him that I was too old to be spanked and that I didn't want to live there anymore. I was done with his rules and restrictions! He then made it very clear that if I wanted to leave that was my choice, however, I would not be going through that door without having received my spanking. He also made it very clear, that if they found me, upon returning I would receive another spanking for hurting my new Mom's heart with worry. All the while, he never raised his voice to me at all. He just spoke matter of factly about it all. I just stood there and cursed him out, he said that he would not have that language in his home and every curse word was equal to one swat. I tried to walk out the door and that's when he took me by the hands and led me over and bent me over the couch and gave me a very deserved first spanking in my life! When he was done spanking me, he laid his hands on my head and prayed for me. It was the spanking along with that prayer that let me know that they really did love me and care for me. I told him I was sorry and that I would obey next time. Not that there weren't many more spankings to follow, but if it wasn't for your book that they were following, I would still be a rebel and who knows where I would be today.

The second time your materials saved my life was just this week. I received the books I had ordered from you and was eager to share the DVD's with the man that I thought I was going to marry. While we were watching them together, I realized that our views on child rearing were MUCH different. He is totally against spanking a child at any age. I told him that I could not have children without following God's mandated way of training them up. He tried to tell me that I was to follow him and if he thought that it was wrong, then that is the way it was going to be in our home when we marry.

He said that he is the one responsible before God and that as long as I did what he said was right, I was justified in the eyes of God. Through much tears, I broke it off. Now I feel so much peace and relief from doing so! Thank you, Mike and Debi Pearl! You are truly a Godsend and a much needed ministry in this fallen world today! May the Lord bless and keep you!

- A bondservant of Jesus Christ, Dawn C.



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REMEMBER THEM THAT ARE IN BONDS, AS BOUND WITH THEM... HEBREWS 13:3

Dear Mike & Debi,

I would like to thank you so much for my *Good & Evil* book. I got so excited when I received it. I read it day and night. I finished it in three days. It was wonderful. – Yours Truly, W.R.
(MATERIAL SENT)

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Debi Pearl,

I've just read your book *Good & Evil* I have never read the bible expressed this way before. I was blown away! – Your new brother, Michael

I am 21 years old and am incarcerated for alcohol and drugs. I gave my life to the Lord about 3 weeks ago. I read Proverbs every morning, but it's hard for me to get into the rest of the Bible. A few days ago I caught a glimpse of y'all's book *Good and Evil*. I'm an artist and it really caught my attention. I am writing to see about getting a copy of the book.

For once in my life I feel complete on the inside, like I am lacking nothing. If this is the way the Lord makes me feel, then I want more of it. I want to thank y'all for y'all's time and consideration. Just from the quick glimpse I got from y'all's book, I can tell it is something extremely great. – God bless & take care! Your brother,
E.M.M. **(MATERIAL SENT)**

Your ministry has blessed our family more than you'll ever know. I know of a woman whose husband is incarcerated. My friend was really excited to hear of a ministry that would just give materials to incarcerated men. I gave her your 'Created' book when I learned she was considering divorcing her husband. She thanked me since reading it and has strived to work on maintaining her relationship with her husband.

My question is, are there materials which we can donate to her husband, and or the prison? – Thank you for your time,
S.K. **(MATERIAL SENT)**

I want to thank you for your passion and faithfulness to me. The material you sent me is received with "thanksgiving". I am touched in more ways than one with the spirit through your ministry.

I have a passion for the lost. I've been witnessing to a Spanish gentleman about Jesus; he is hungry and I pray that you might mail him whatever you can in Spanish. He is serving a life sentence; he told me that he found Jesus here since we've met. Praise God!

I will donate as often as I can to your ministry, as I am able. I do not have much money really, none to speak of, but in Jesus name may your every need be met. I pray and will be praying for my brothers and sisters in Christ, that your ministries heart desire goes beyond your vision or dreams. Since my incarceration my 11-year-old son is taking it hard, my wife abandoned me too; please pray for her. Most graciously thank you Mr. and Mrs. Pearl.
– A brother in Christ, B.P
(MATERIAL SENT)

I am an inmate at the Jim Rudd unit. I have recently turned my life to God and have heard much of your ministries from friends and brothers here. I would like to receive the "Good & Evil" book. – Thank you, M.S.

(MATERIAL SENT)

I am an inmate at a prison in Lisbon, Ohio. I am a believer in Jesus Christ. I have been blessed by reading your "Good & Evil" cartoon of the Bible. I have children who I believe would be blessed by reading the "Good & Evil" book. I feel the book breaks the scripture down and gives clear understanding.

I don't have the financial means to pay for it at this point. I would appreciate the book being sent to my son who is thirteen years old. I believe this would help him have a clear understanding of the word and be edifying to his soul. May you, if possible, please send one to me as the three we had for a population of over 2,200 have not been seen by me since the first week we received them.

May God bless you in the name of Jesus! Savior, Redeemer, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace and so much more! I will share the book! – Thank you, A brother in Christ **(MATERIAL SENT)**

My name is Mary. I am currently incarcerated and had the pleasure of reading your spiritual comic book "Good and Evil". I enjoyed it very much. I have two boys. I would like it very much if you would send them a copy of "Good and Evil".

I feel that they would benefit from this and also get to know God. I was not able to send them anything for their birthdays. I feel this would really be a great gift to them. I would really appreciate it. - Thank you, Mary

(MATERIAL SENT)

Dear No Greater Joy Ministries,

I am interested in your books and magazine. I pray in asking you a favor. I find myself in prison - to be released Spring of 2008. I write to ask you to please send me *To Train Up A Child*. I have two young children and wish to bring them up properly. There are so many different styles of parenting and your book found my interest. I'm sorry to say I have no funds. I pray that my prayers be answered by receiving your helpful book. Please send your magazine. Thank you- God bless, Catherine **(MATERIAL SENT)**

To: Michael & Debi, I enjoyed your book "GOOD & EVIL" so much I read it three times back to back this month while searching the scriptures. I've been saved for about seven years now and this book by far exceeds every inspirational book about God that I've read besides the actual Bible. It's accurate, resourceful and perfect for our generation.

God bless every soul that is a contributor toward the furtherance of God's word through the ministry of this book. It's been an eye opener and spiritual blessing. May it continue to touch countless souls all over the world as it did me, to the glory of God that gives us NO Greater Joy in Christ, and hath made us free! "Hallelujah". - C.G.



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