

Lessons from the Heart

Hold my hand

By Pastor Andrew Paris

Do you remember the pounds of snow and ice we had last March? I couldn't believe it. Inches of white-stuff in March! March!!

One snow-filled day last March my five-year-old son Nathan and I were walking on the icy sidewalk. As we approached a slippery place, I said to him: "You had better let me hold your hand." But

he didn't think he needed to do that. After all, he is a big boy. He kept his little hands snug in his pockets and he kept them there—until he slipped and fell!

Bowed but not beaten by this humbling experience, Nathan raised himself and said, "I'll hold your hand, Daddy." And he reached up and took my hand with a feeble grip.

Soon we came to another slippery place—and down he went again, for his tiny fingers had not been able to grip my hand with enough strength.

Once more we started walking again, but after a moment's reflection Nathan looked up into my face and said with child-like confidence, "YOU hold my hand, Daddy." And as we went safely on our way, my hand kept him from further danger.

How often, when WE have come to the slippery places of life, have we had to learn that it was not OUR hold upon God, but HIS hold upon us that kept our feet from stumbling!

Jesus tells us in His Word: "You are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation" (1 Peter 1:5). It is He, not we; it is His power, not ours, that does the guarding.

What a comfort, as we set out on the unknown and often dangerous path of each new day,

to know that it is His hand that will lead us and will hold us every step of the way. For we know that the hand that is stretched from heaven to help us is the hand that was pierced on "the old rugged cross" to save us from our sins.

In Christ's hands we are safe. He knows us and loves



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us. He gives us eternal life. And no man shall pluck us from His hands (John 10:27-29). So we ought to follow Him and let Him hold our hand as we walk through life's slippery paths.

When we enter into each new day, may we always pray: "YOU hold my hand, Jesus!"

Our plea should be: "While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide."

"Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me home."

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COMMUNITY BIBLE MINISTRIES: 1/2 mile north of SR 22 on CR 1150W. Patrick Kamm, pastor. SS: 9 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.

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DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St., Delphi. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.

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FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST: SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 7pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Paul Marcellino, interim-pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, Wed. 6:30 p.m. WW, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Sun. Youth Service 5:30 p.m. Sun. Bible study: 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Louis Sandos. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

FLORA FIRST BAPTIST: 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.

FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Pamela Ditson-McCall, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.

FLORA GRACE BRETHREN: 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.

FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 10:15 a.m.

FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.

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GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD: 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. Mearl Hodges, asst. pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.

JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.

LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

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ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.

ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St. Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.

ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Pastor, Bob Pfeifer. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.

ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Bob McAulay, interim pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.

ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST: St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC: 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. Dale Larson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN: Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. Dale Larson, pastor. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.

WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES: meet at Burrows Fire Department, Greg & Michelle Britt, pastors. SW: 9 a.m. (574) 652-2280

YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST: Dave Inskoop, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

Pray for our nation to seek God

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Matt. 5:6 Pd. Adv.

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Backpacks for soldiers to be put together at Hickory Grove cookout

Comet staff report

Hickory Grove Church will host a Community Hamburger/Hot Dog Cookout on June 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. Attendees will put together backpacks to send to wounded U.S. soldiers through Soldiers Angels. Soldiers Angels (soldiersangels.org) sends first responder backpacks to wounded soldiers as they arrive at the combat support hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan. When they arrive, they have only what they were wearing when they were injured. It can take days before they receive replacement supplies and it is often weeks before their belongings catch up to them. These backpacks ensure that the wounded soldiers have a little love from home to comfort them until their family can reach them and/or they return to the states.

for the meal; instead attendees are asked to bring items from the below list to send to soldiers: Large and extra-large are the most requested sizes; backpack - fully unzips for easy access; 100 minute AT&T phone cards; slippers; white crew socks; cards and letters of encouragement; paper and envelopes (stamps not necessary); T-shirts solid color (grey or black); lounge pajamas or knit boxers; hand held games; snacks and goodies; deodorant; shampoo; toothbrush; toothpaste; mouthwash; disposable razors; 5" comb; nail clippers; chap stick; lotions (hand or body); anti-bacterial wet wipes; bug repellent; luxury items; magazines; CD players; CDs and DVDs. No used clothing.

Hickory Grove Church is located at 9714N Carroll County Road 700W. For more information call Pastor Ken Smith at the church at 574-965-2731.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Child's destiny not guaranteed by personality 'TYPE'

Dr. Dobson

QUESTION: What can you tell us about the differences between Type I and Type II kids? I have one of each and want to understand them.

DR. DOBSON: First, you should know that these characteristics are not highly correlated with intelligence. By that, I mean there are bright children who are at the flighty end of the scale, and there are slow-learning individuals who are highly motivated. The primary difference between them is a matter of temperament and maturity, although there are more smart kids in the Type I category.

Second, Type II children are not intrinsically inferior to Type I. Yes, it would be wonderful if every student used the talent he or she possessed to best advantage. But each child is a unique individual. Kids don't fit the same mold - nor do they need to. Education is important today, and we want our boys and girls to go as far as they can academically. But let's keep our goals in proper perspective. It is possible that the low achiever will outperform the academic superstar in the long run. There are many examples of that occurring in the real world (Einstein, Edison, Eleanor Roosevelt, etc.). Don't write off that disorganized, apparently lazy kid as a lifelong loser. He may surprise you.

Third, you will never turn a Type II youngster into a Type I scholar by nagging, pushing,

threatening and punishing. It isn't in him. If you try to squeeze him into something he's not, you will only produce aggravation for yourself and anger from the child. These attempts can fill a house with conflict. I have concluded that it is simply not worth the price it extracts.

I am certainly not recommending that children be allowed to float through life, avoiding responsibility and wasting their opportunities. My approach to the underachiever can be summarized in these suggestions:

- No. 1: He lacks the discipline to structure his life. Help him generate it. Systematize his study hours. Look over his homework to see that it is neat and complete, etc.

- No. 2: Maintain as close contact with the school as possible. The more you and your child's teacher communicate, the better. Only then can you provide the needed structure.

- No. 3: Avoid anger in the relationship. It does not help. Those parents who become most frustrated and irritated often believe their child's irresponsibility is a deliberate thing. Usually it is not. Consider the problem a matter of temperament rather than defiance.

- No. 4: Seek tutorial assistance if necessary to stay on track.

- No. 5: Having done what you can to help, accept what comes in return. Go with the flow and begin looking for

other areas of success for your child.

Let me say it once more: Not every individual can be squeezed into the same mold. There is room in this world for the creative "souls" who long to breathe free. I'll bet some of you parents approached life from the same direction.

QUESTION: Should a college-educated woman feel that she has wasted her training if she chooses not to use it professionally? I mean, why should I bother to go through school to be a professional if I'm going to wind up raising kids and being a full-time homemaker?

DR. DOBSON: A person doesn't go to college just to prepare for a line of work - or at least, that shouldn't be the reason for being there. The purpose for getting a college education is to broaden your world and enrich your intellectual life. Whether or not it leads to a career is not the point. Nothing invested in the cultivation of your own mind is ever really wasted. If you have the desire to learn and the opportunity to go to school, I think you should reach for it. Your career plans can be finalized later.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, PO Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; or to his Web site at www.fotf.org. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the founder and chairman of the board of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home and Judeo-Christian values. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copy secured.

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