

Lessons from the Heart

Experiencing pain?

By Pastor Micah Hudson

The following is not meant to be deeply theological, and I would cringe if a literature teacher decided to take it under

one's scrutiny. This was written during one of those personal moments for me, exactly two years ago, that we don't always share. Yet, I wanted to share these ponderings in order for you to also

see God's care for each one of us. Luke 12:24 says "Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds?" (NIV)



Hudson

Lord, It's 3 a.m.! What am I doing up again? Is it something that I have said?

Is it something that I have done? Is there someone who needs my prayer in Oregon?

Lord, there is a constant pain in my arm; is this something that you could be working on? I need a healing touch from you. My faith is strong, but my patience, joy, and mental toughness are fading. My reliance on pain medicines is increasing.

Oh how I want to understand, how this pain and hurt fit into Your master plan! Will this help me to identify with the constant pain that others experience daily?

Will this help me see that this body ain't what it used to be?

I need endurance and hope that goes far beyond taking my next Hydrocodone. I have not begun to experience the pain and loss of Job. I still cannot relate to the persecution of Paul. I even cannot say that this has even bothered me for a month. And, I cannot begin to fathom the pain and suffering of hunger without any food.

Lord, help me to pray for those with many of these kinds of pains today. The kinds of

pains that only You really know and can begin to take away. Oh please help me understand that my pain and tension are small, compared to those who have lost a close loved one, after all.

So, Jesus, may You grant your healing touch to all who read these words. May they know that You care about all their deepest hurts. If You care about the birds, then how much more do you care about each one of us.

Help me remember your son, Jesus, died that we might be free from the curse of pain someday. Lord, there are many who need Your healing touch today!

"You wonder why God doesn't heal you? He has healed you. If you are in Christ, you have a perfected soul and a perfected body. His plan is to give you the soul now and the body when you get home. He may choose to heal parts of your body before heaven. But if he doesn't, don't you still have reason for gratitude? If he never gave you more than eternal life, could you ask for more than that? His grace is sufficient for gratitude." By Max Lucado from *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus*

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Pray for our nation to seek God

...and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love...Ephesians 3:17 Pd. Adv.

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- DELPHI PENTECOSTAL:** Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. Thurs. Night Bible Study: 7:30p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.
- DELPHI UNITED METHODIST:** Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.
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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.
- FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH:** U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD:** US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 7pm
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- FIRST BAPTIST:** Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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- 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.
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- FLORA UNITED METHODIST:** 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.
- FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST:** Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- 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.
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- PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m
- PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST:** Dave Inskoop, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday deadline for state's Do Not Call list

Comet staff report

August 21 is the next deadline to register for the state's Do Not Call list. Phone numbers placed on the list by midnight EDT Tuesday will begin receiving benefits of the law starting Oct. 1.

There are currently more than 1.8 million phone numbers registered on the Do Not Call list.

Reregistering is not necessary if you retain the same

phone number. The next registration deadline is Nov. 20.

The attorney general's office has entered into agreements with 211 companies for alleged violations of the law. To date, more than \$1.2 million has been assessed in penalties, violations, and a court judgment.

Registration is free and the state will not ask any personal financial information.

Registration is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week at www.attorneygeneral.IN.gov or by calling 1-888-834-9969.

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Children's television exposure must be limited

QUESTION: I am concerned about the impact of television in our home. How can we control it without resorting to dictatorial rules and regulations?



Dr. Dobson

our viewing habits!
QUESTION: My 3-year-old can be counted on to behave like a brat whenever we are in the mall or in a restaurant. He seems to know I will not

DR. DOBSON: It seems that we have three objectives as parents. First, we want to monitor the quality of the programs our children watch. Second, we want to regulate the quantity of television they see. Even good programs may have an undesirable influence on the rest of children's activities if they spend too much time watching them. Third, we should include the entire family in establishing a TV policy.

I read about a system recently that is very effective in accomplishing all three of these purposes. First, it was suggested that parents sit down with the children and agree upon a list of approved programs that are appropriate for each age level. Then type that list (or at least write it clearly) and enclose it in clear plastic so it can be referred to throughout the week.

Second, either purchase or make a roll of tickets. Issue each child 10 tickets per week, and let him or her use them to "buy" the privilege of watching the programs on the approved list. When the tickets are gone, television viewing is over for that week. This teaches a child to be discriminating about what is watched. A maximum of 10 hours of viewing per week might be an appropriate place to start, compared with the national average of 40 to 50 hours per week. That's far too much, especially for an elementary school child.

This system can be modified to fit individual home situations or circumstances. If there's a special program that all the children want to see, such as a feature broadcast or a holiday program during Christmas or Thanksgiving, you can issue more tickets. You might also give extra tickets as rewards for achievement or some other laudable behavior.

The real test will occur when parents reveal whether or not they have the courage to put themselves on that limited system, too. We often need the same regulations in

DR. DOBSON: Let me answer you with an illustration from nature. I'm told that a raccoon can usually kill a dog if he gets him in a lake or river. He will simply pull the hound underwater until he drowns. Most other predatory animals prefer to do battle on the turf of their own choosing.

So do children. If they're going to pick a fight with Mom or Dad, they'd rather stage it in a public place, such as a supermarket or in the church foyer. They are smart enough to know that they are "safer" in front of other people. They will grab candy or speak in disrespectful ways that would never be attempted at home.

Again, the most successful military generals are those who surprise the enemy in a terrain advantageous to their troops. Public facilities represent the "high ground" for a rambunctious preschooler.

You may be one of the parents who have fallen into the trap of creating "sanctuaries" in which the old rules aren't enforced. It is a certainty that your strong-willed son or daughter will notice those safe zones and behave offensively and disrespectfully when there. There is something within the tougher child that almost forces him to "test the limits" in situations where the resolve of adults is in question.

Therefore, I recommend that you lay out the ground rules before you enter those public arenas, making it clear that the same rules will apply. Then if he misbehaves, respond as you would have done at home. His public behavior will improve dramatically.

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.focus.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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