

Lessons from the Heart

More to follow

By Pastor Andrew Paris



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As we now have entered the new year of 2009, we need to remember an amazing story I heard years ago.

A wealthy man had died. He left detailed instructions about how his immense fortune was to be distributed. Among other things, his wife was to turn over a large sum of money to a poor minister who had often remembered the family with deeds of kindness.

The widow decided to give the money to the minister *a little at a time*—not all at once but in regular installments. She mailed him a check for \$50. Inside the envelope she placed a signed slip of paper on which was written: **“MORE TO FOLLOW.”**

Every two weeks the elderly minister would find a \$50 check in his mailbox with the same message attached: **“MORE TO FOLLOW.”**

“MORE TO FOLLOW!” That is Christ’s unbreakable pledge to all who believe in Him and devote their lives to His

blessed service. As we launch forth into a new year filled with uncertainty, instability, war, stock market woes, and fears about the future, may we remember this glorious truth. The blessings which we receive today and have received in the past are but a pledge of those which we shall receive tomorrow. And those we receive tomorrow will bear the precious pledge of heaven: **“MORE TO FOLLOW.”**

Remember the promise of Lamentations 3:22-23 - “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.”

Each new year that comes our way will be filled with divine goodness. This is surely a comforting thought. For “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

The Apostle John in his Gospel speaks of the inexhaustible riches of Christ: “From the fullness of His grace have we all received one blessing after another” (literally “grace upon grace,” John 1:16). Christ’s goodness pours in upon His children as the waves of the sea. As one wave washes over us, another one soon follows, and then there is another one close behind, and another, and another, and . . . “Grace upon grace.”

“MORE TO FOLLOW.” Christ’s ability and willingness to supply our needs, both spiritual and physical, are eternal and unlimited.

Surely we who have such a bountiful Savior need never fear what the new year will bring to us. His grace and goodness will never run out. From His inexhaustible spiritual resources, as long as heaven and earth shall last, there shall always be **“MORE TO FOLLOW.”** Let’s enjoy the new year!

Andrew Paris is pastor at the Delphi Christian Church.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Woman struggling to accept husband’s reserved behavior

QUESTION: What advice would you give to a woman whose husband just won’t respond to her emotionally? That’s my situation. Darrell is a good man but he’s not romantic and he’d rather keep his thoughts to himself. How can I deal with the longing inside me?



Dr. Dobson

DR. DOBSON: Some men will never be able to meet the needs of their wives. They don’t understand how women think and have never been required to “give” to anyone. Those who are married to these unromantic and non-communicative men must decide what is reasonable to expect and how they can forge a meaningful life together. Or they can seek an early divorce. I think the former is better!

If Darrell is such a man, my advice is that you attempt to show him, without nagging or becoming angry, how you are different from him and what your unique needs are. Work to change that which can be improved in your relationship, explain that which can be understood, resolve that which can be settled, and negotiate that which is open to compromise.

Create the best marriage possible from the raw materials brought by two imperfect human beings with two distinctly unique personalities. But for all the rough edges which can never be smoothed and the faults that can never be eradicated, try to develop the best possible outlook and determine to accept reality exactly as it is.

The first principle of mental health is to accept that which cannot be changed. You could easily descend into depression over the circum-

stances in your life. But you can also choose to hang tough and be contented in spite of them. The operative word is “choose.”

Can you accept your husband just as he is? Seldom does one human being satisfy every longing and hope in the breast of another. Obviously, this coin has two sides: You can’t be his perfect woman, either. He is no more equipped to resolve your entire package of emotional needs than you are to become his sexual dream machine every twenty-four hours. Both partners have to settle for human foibles and faults and irritability and fatigue and occasional nighttime “headaches.” A good marriage is not one where perfection reigns: It is a relationship where a healthy perspective overlooks a multitude of “un-resolvable.”

I don’t mean to imply that the advice I’ve given is easy to implement or that it will take away the longing you described, but every human being eventually encounters difficult situations that are beyond his or her control. At that point, a person is either going to collapse, run, become angry, or do all three. I submit that acceptance is a better alternative.

Pray for our nation to seek God

Then the King will say to those at his right hand, “Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...” Matthew 25:34 Pd. Adv.

QUESTION: How do you feel about children wearing uniforms to school? How about schools having other dress codes and clothing requirements?

DR. DOBSON: I rather like the idea of school uniforms because it solves the problem of competition between the haves and have-nots. It also eliminates the provocative clothing that some kids like to wear. But there is a larger issue here. I think it is extremely important for children to be taught adherence to standards that relate to discipline and self-control.

In the 1960s, the courts began ruling against educators’ efforts to govern hair length, suggestive messages on T-shirts and other aspects of personal appearance. While these fashion statements were not terribly important in themselves, the impact of the judicial rulings was significant.

It is a mistake to shield children from reasonable rules — to place no demands on their behavior. How inaccurate is the belief that self-control is maximized in an environment that places no obligations on children. How foolish is the assumption that self-discipline is a product of self-indulgence. Reasonable standards of conduct are an important part of an educational system, in my view. School uniforms might be a part of such standards.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. 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.

Sharon church has new pastor

Comet staff report

Alan Wyant was installed as pastor at Sharon Baptist Church on Sunday.



Wyant

A Carroll County native, he graduated from Carroll High School in 1980 and was a member of the singing group, “His Reflection.” After graduation, he moved to Greentown and married his wife, Joanie, in the fall of 1981. They moved to Rhema, Okla., to attend the Bible Training Center. They returned to Indiana in the spring of 1984. Pastor Wyant then began work

with Youth for Christ in Carroll County as the junior varsity director, a position he held for four years.

In the fall of 1988, he left Youth for Christ to become a youth pastor in Frankfort. During this time he was also employed in agribusiness and worked bi-vocationally. In the spring of 1992, he was ordained and went into full-time ministry in Frankfort, working as a youth pastor and associate pastor until the summer of 2002.

While in Clinton County, Pastor Wyant was involved in several areas of ministry; coordinator of youth ministers network; regional director for Acquire the Fire youth conventions; teacher, chaplain and athletic director for Frankfort

Christian Heritage School; member and president of Clinton County Ministerial Association; member and president of Frankfort Kiwanis; Bantam football coach, girls varsity volleyball coach and more.

In July of 2002, Pastor Wyant and his family moved back to Greentown to start a small church. He returned to bi-vocational work status with the addition of a job in agribusiness.

The Wyants have three sons: Kamron, age 26, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force stationed near Boston and deploying this winter to Iraq; Aaron, 21, a junior at Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in fitness and physical training; and Konner, 11, a fifth grader at Eastern Howard School.

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SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURNETTSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: First & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY: Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST: Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.</p> <p>COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST: Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>COLBURN UNITED METHODIST: Kasey Schnepf, pastor, SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Heron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. SS; Adult 8:45a.m. & Children 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St, Delphi. Rev. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST: 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD: 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>DELPHI UNITED METHODIST: Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.</p> <p>DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Mark Gager, pastor. SS: 9 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH: U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 6:30pm, Adult & Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6pm.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Paul Marcellino, pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Monthly Youth Group</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST: 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herenden, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Sam Davenport, interim pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST: Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD: 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>LIVING STONE CHURCH: 54 Main St., Rossville. Sunday Services: 8:50-9:20 Coffee and Fellowship, 9:30 worship. Children's church available</p> <p>LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH: East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: CR 300 N, SE of Camden. Guy Studebaker, pastor. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Emerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: Pastor. Howard Hendrickson SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>RADNOR CHURCH: Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN: Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Evertt, pastor SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST: St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. Alan Wyant, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC: 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkerk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN: Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.</p> <p>WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES: 869 N. 90 E., Burrows, Greg Britt, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. (574) 652-2280</p> <p>YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST: Carl Davis, pastor, SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p>

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