

Kingston Church of Christ

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Quote of the Week:

"We must alter our lives in order to alter our hearts, for it is impossible to live one way and pray another."

—William Law

Let's Keep Praying For

- Glenn as he has tests at the hospital this week
- Robyn and her siblings as they mourn their mother's passing
- Ron C as he continues his recovery at home
- Levi's recovery
- Alex as she faces ongoing health issues
- Ruby during her ongoing recovery
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Glenn and Betty
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Franko S with cancer
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

**Now meeting virtually
at 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

Read the New Testament in a Year: May 9-15.

Mon Acts 27
Tues Acts 28
Wed Rom 1:1-17
Thurs Rom 1:18-32
Fri Rom 2:1-16
Sat Rom 2:17-29
Sun make-up day

News:

Today is **Camp Omagh Day**. We are asked to pray for the camp. As well, we are each being encouraged to make a donation to the camp. Donations are being matched by The Church of Christ Development Fund.

You can send yours via mail to Omagh Bible School c/o Cheryl Toohey, 579 10th St. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 1S9 or by e-transfer to secretary@campomagh.org or via their website.

India Appeal: I have an email from David Martin asking us to help with food for some who are suffering in India as the covid crisis worsens there. (Last year we sent some funds, but I realized afterwards that churches aren't to send money overseas unless a Canadian or someone approved by the CDN government receives it. As I have come to trust David personally, I want to send him some help. If you would like to help too, I would be happy to include your gift with mine. This would not go through the church treasury.

He can supply enough food for a family for 2 weeks for about CDN\$17. 00.

If you would also like to send some, please let me know by Wednesday of this week.

Contributions: send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave at building.

Key to the Kingdom – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

Struggles of the Christian

The following is a story of nature demonstrating the fact that struggles are a necessary part of growth and development for the Christian in this life. God places these struggles (or trials) before us to prepare us for that perfect home in heaven with Him.

The Man And The Cocoon

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further. The man decided to help the butterfly so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restraining cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

As Christians, struggles (or trials) are exactly what we need in our life in order to grow and develop properly. If God allowed us to go through our Christian life without any obstacles, it would cripple us spiritually. We, like the butterfly, would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

Conclusion

Brethren – Let's thank God for our daily struggles (trials) and display the same attitude toward trials as the Apostle Paul. The great Apostle said in 1 Peter 4:12-13 – NKJV:

“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”

-Mike Riley