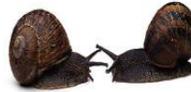


## Two Snails

Two snails were standing on the side of the road when a turtle stopped and asked, "Can I give you guys a ride on my back? One of the snails took him up on his offer and off they went together.



As the turtle reached the first intersection, another turtle came along and crashed right into him. The poor little snail was thrown and died on impact. As the investigating officer for the accident began questioning the deceased snail's buddy he asked, "What happened?"

The little, forlorn snail, tearfully replied, "I don't really know – it all happened so fast!"



## You've Gotta Love George!

Iris, the church's resident gossip and self-appointed keeper of their morals, constantly stuck her nose into everybody's business. Though disapproving of Iris' behaviour, many members feared her enough to remain silent.

She met her match, however, when she accused George, a new member to the church, of being an alcoholic since he routinely parked his old blue pickup in front of the town's only bar. She apparently was unaware that he worked at the Auto-parts' store next door and it was simply convenient for him to park there. Iris scolded George loudly, telling him emphatically, along with everyone else in listening range, that everyone seeing his truck parked there would know exactly what he was doing. *Shameful!*

George, a man of few words, stared at her a moment, then just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend or deny! He said nothing! But later that evening, George Drove uptown and quietly parked that same old blue pickup in front of Iris' house, then walked home, and left it there – **ALL NIGHT!** Perhaps actions do speak louder than words!



**"Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you."** ~ 1 Samuel 12:24

*Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!*



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**3 p.m. worship and praise**

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**Thot:** "An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as full as if there were no others." ~ A.W. Tozer

## MY LIFE

To do Thy will, dear Lord I pray,  
I humbly ask You guide each day,  
In all I do, wherever I be  
That You, dear Lord will walk with me.

I do not see what lies ahead  
Nor understand the things that are said

I only know the love I feel  
And know all things with Thee are real.  
Use me dear Lord, all glory be Thine,

I thank Thee, I praise Thee, I know Thou art mine.  
My Saviour, my Master, my Father, my King.  
Oh glory to God, I can sing, I can sing!

~ Dorothy H. (Bolton) Smith

## Pastor Dave's Good Bad Jokes...

Did you hear about the guy who invented the “knock knock” joke? He won the “no-bell” prize!



I broke my arm in two places; the doctor said – “Stay out of those places!”

The sportscaster whispered, “Who will take the second shot in this snooker game?” Then added, “We’ll find out after the break.”

What do you call an alligator that wears a vest? An investigator.

What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, they just waved.

Parallel lines have so much in common, It's a shame they'll never meet.

What did one wall say to the other? Meet you at the corner!

No matter how hard you push the envelope, it will always be stationery.

A book fell on my head. I have only my shelf to blame!



## Something To Think About..

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed”. [Mark 1:35] Throughout Jesus’ ministry on earth we read about His devotion to spending time alone with God – finding solitude to collect His thoughts and to hear from His Heavenly Father so that He could pursue the Father’s will. I like that Mark mentions this at the beginning of his gospel as we see Christ’s priorities laid out, and our example shown very early in His ministry.

Luke tells us, “Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” [Luke 5:16]. He also tells us that on “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and **spent the night** praying to God.” [Luke 6:12] I emphasize that Jesus spent “the night” because I think we often would rather hug our pillow, read or watch TV than to spend the night praying to God. Matthew also adds to our understanding of Jesus’ actions toward solitude with God: “After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone.” [Matthew 14:23] Again and again we see Jesus, the Son of God, in whom the Father tells us He is well pleased, praying. Following His baptism, Jesus was praying when

“...heaven was opened and a voice came from heaven. It said, ‘You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you’.” [Luke 3:22 NIV]

Let us consider the significance that Jesus, the Son of God, through whom all things were made [John 1:3] and of whom God the Father proclaimed He was pleased, would often chose to leave the crowds, leave family, friends, ministry, good works, would chose to leave the noise and activity of life, and the demands placed upon Him, would chose to miss out on a night’s sleep, to be alone with His Father. If as we consider this, we would chose to spend time with our Heavenly Father, not only in telling Him our woes and needs, but listening intensely for His direction, what would happen?

For Jesus, it was in those lonely moments and places He found intimate fellowship with God the Father. It was at such times when Jesus was strengthened, prepared, fortified and given renewed fellowship with His Father that He was able to face temptation and to be equipped for the task of meeting the demands of the crowds, staying the course His Father had given Him – even to death on the cross as our redeemer. Marlena Graves puts it into perspective telling us that “Jesus knew the ‘Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power’” [1 Corinthians 4:20]. Because Jesus relied on the presence of God’s Spirit within Him constantly, He retained the power to live the life He was called to live, to bring the kingdom of God to you and me.

Amid the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, I’m not suggesting we cease planning vacations, taking time away, finding solitude away from the busyness of today’s hectic world; I’m not suggesting you chose to lose sleep at night. But perhaps, perhaps, we can begin to see the significance of forging time in our lives to spend with the creator who found time to come to earth, set the example, showing mercy and compassion to take our sins upon Him and set us free to have fellowship with Him. We may never choose to lose a whole night’s sleep to spend time with God but if we’re serious about solitude and consider what many are willing to pay to have solitude, to find renewed strength - hope - peace; I don’t think it’s too much to ask we turn to *the source* of lasting strength, hope, peace to spend time with our Lord who loves us; who is waiting to spend time with us.

### Mark your Calendar...

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday  
Sunday Messages... **What Has the Bible to Say?**