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FAITHFUL

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1 Corinthians. 4:2

A good dog is an obedient dog. Most dogs are loving and eager to please their owners.

I have pondered what it would be like if dogs had been given the task of “barking” the Gospel. Stay with me. Just suppose they were assigned by God to fulfill that task. Perhaps each dog would have an area of responsibility—a street corner, so to speak. If they were trained and disciplined—I believe they would be faithful. I can even imagine a wounded dog, dragging itself to the prescribed corner in order to fulfill its “obligation”.

Yet, God did not choose dogs to proclaim the Gospel. He chose man. Strange. Yet, somehow, very clear. Of course, He would assign this greatest task of all to the crown of His creative activity.

How faithful have humans been? Surely we desire to please our “owner” more than canines would!

Perhaps we need fore training and discipline.

Open my mouth, Lord.

MIRACLES

...Many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. John 2:23

He had a blow-out on the front tire of his motorcycle. He tried to keep control, swerving back and forth across the lanes of traffic. Car after car narrowly missed him. Unbelievably, the cycle did not fall or crash. It remained upright and he was still on the seat when it came to a stop in the edge of the freeway.

Impossible. Yet, it happened.

The young wife, a believer, had invited me to come visit her unbelieving husband. The incident with the motorcycle had occurred the morning of the day of my visit.

As I witnessed about Christ, he said, “If God wants me to know Him, why doesn’t He do something dramatic in my life?”

Those who close their hearts cannot even see miracles.

No one is as blind as he who chooses not to see.

Open my eyes to see the miracles of peace, love and comfort you so freely give me.

Sincerely,
Paul R. Schroeder



*The Bible is God's Word . . . Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh . . .
His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

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FIGHT YOUR FEARS

God does not wish for people to be cowards; fear is a crippling, not an empowering, emotion. Dr. David Jeremiah states in What Are You Afraid Of, "... fear is the tyrant of the imagination." He also quotes Neil T. Anderson, "Phobias are like the coils of a snake – the more we give in to them, the tighter they squeeze." How true this is; our fears constrict our ability to act, or even hope!

I recall a news article years ago about a boy who was perhaps 6 years old, who was being constricted by a snake. Rather than flail or fail by succumbing to the fear of imminent death, the boy got angry – and began to bite the snake! He used his brain, and his mouth, to inflict pain on his attacker, and the snake let him go! The boy decided that it was time to use a tactic of a snake against a snake, and it saved his life.

In my life I have often gotten tough with myself and mentally reprimanded, "No self-pity trips!" This has helped shake me out of lethargy and suffocating gloominess. Likewise, when confronted by fear one of the best things you can do is confront it head on, in prayer and attitude. I recall Paul's bolstering a young pastor, Timothy, who felt overwhelmed in his calling, "... God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7)." If we do not adopt the attitude of victor, we easily become victims.

BLACK HOLES DO NOT EXIST. BIG BANG DIDN'T HAPPEN...

When things are patently foolish, it's best not to believe them, no matter how many scientists line up to state otherwise. For fifty years radical, liberal, and soft-science types have declared that Black Holes have been foundational to understanding the Big Bang and the origins of the universe. Now, in an article entitled, "Big Bang Theory Wrong And Black Holes Don't Exist? Scientists Say The Math Doesn't Add Up," a University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill professor has demonstrated that the math involved in attempting to support the existence of Black Holes is wrong. The supposed unsolvable discrepancies between Einstein's Theory of Relativity and Quantum Mechanics has been resolved in one fell swoop – but, it means dumping the existence of Black Holes and the Big Bang!

It seems one simple fact was overlooked in the zeal to prove black holes; the supposedly shrinking stars which crunched down into such infinitely miniscule "singularities" having such powerful gravitation that not even light could escape lose mass in the process. Stars do not shrink down to nothingness and retain their mass. The loss of mass was conveniently ignored in order to push through the belief that a Black Hole was the origin of our existence. Oops! Even a fifth grader can tell you that when something is *consumed it gets used up*. It's a powerful testimony to the arrogance and persistence of disbelief which will accept foolishness in such a theory rather than accept the existence of a Creator! Now, the blindness of the Evolutionists is on display for the entire world to see!

Blessings!
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