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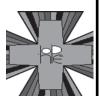
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### "The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

In every thriving congregation, there exists a bond that is unmistakably powerful - the relationship between church leadership and encouragement. Leadership within the context of the local church, whether from the pastor, ministry associates or ministry leaders, bears the sacred responsibility of building up the body of Christ through encouragement. In fact, the effectiveness and vibrancy of any ministry is closely tied to its capacity to uplift, inspire and reinforce the faith of its members.

Encouragement is like oxygen in the life of a church. It keeps hearts beating, minds clear and hands inspired to serve. Because encouragement is so important to the church, God doesn't merely recommend it: he explicitly commands it (1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 3:13). When church leaders embody encouragement both in word and in deed - they cultivate a climate of hope, unity and perseverance. God mandated that his people encourage each other because he knows we need it. In John's account, Jesus warned that "in this world you will have trouble," which he then followed with a much-needed encouragement: "But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

This is especially critical in the context of ministry leadership. The people we're charged with leading are often navigating personal struggles, family pressures, spiritual barrenness or societal challenges. In these moments, encouragement becomes a lifeline. When encouragement flows through ministry leadership, transformation follows.

Moreover, effective encouragement has a multiplying effect. When a church leader models encouragement, they cultivate a culture where others lead with the same spirit. This ripple effect creates a culture where people aren't only supported but are also inspired to support others. The spirit of "encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things" (Hebrews 10:24) becomes contagious. Encouragement becomes the fuel that powers service, discipleship and growth in Christlikeness. It doesn't take away the friction or challenges, but it reframes them through the lens of hope.



Leadership and encouragement also work together to prevent mental fatigue and emotional exhaustion. Ministry leaders often carry unseen burdens, such as praying for others, organizing events, managing conflicts and stewarding vision. When encouragement is absent from the life of a church people will feel unloved, insignificant, ignored and forgotten. But when leaders are regularly affirmed, prayed for and reminded of their God-given purpose, their resilience grows.

Furthermore, encouragement strengthens the unity of the church. In a world permeated with disunity, the church is called to be a witness of unity through love. Encouraging leadership models humility and mutual respect. It breaks down multiple barriers that threaten to derail the mission of the church. When leaders encourage one another, especially intergenerationally, they demonstrate what it means to be "one body with many parts" (1 Corinthians 12:12). They show that every person and every ministry matters.

The liberating truth is that God never intended for his people to journey alone. He raises up leaders not just to instruct or organize, but to uplift; to remind God's people that they are seen, valued and empowered to live out their calling. Encouragement isn't optional in leadership; it's a core requirement

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## Speak Life Thought

with Dr. Yolanda G. Butler

## "A Faith Living Life"

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised." (Hebrews 10:23 KJV)

Each of us has a choice in how we live our lives. The Father will not violate the gift of choice. You have two choices: Choose to live victoriously or choose to live defeated. I hope you choose to live victoriously through Christ even when faced with challenges. How? Faith Living. There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible. The Hebrew writer encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith and trust God's promises because He is Faithful.

What is faith living? Faith living is living a life that is traced by faith and trust in God. It is when you have a mindset that says, "I'm living because I trust the Father's Word. I can make it because I trust that His promises will not fail. I may not understand, but my faith is in His Sovereignty. What He says, He does. What He speaks comes to pass. He knows what's best, so I choose faith living."

God is perfectly Faithful. His character says He is Faithful (Deut. 7:9). His Faithfulness is great (Lam. 3:21-23). There is no failure in His faithfulness (Psalm 89:33). His faithfulness is everlasting (Isaiah 40:28). Be-

cause the Father is Faithful, He expects His children to 1) walk by faith and not by sight (1 Cor 5:7) and 2) live a life of faithfulness (Gal. 5:22-23). Faith living is confident access to the Father that says, "I am holding on to the promises of God and His Holy Word!" It's the attitude that says "NO" is not the final answer unless God says so.

Bishop Butler and I have had the privilege of faith living for over four decades. Our journey has included, but certainly not limited to, walking by faith when no one has a job, losing our "dream home" to foreclosure, relocating family and ministry 1400 miles from California to Texas, purchasing a new home with a foreclosure on our credit report, seeing the enemy almost try to kill our children (BUT fail miserably), my enduring three eye surgeries, and building a 4000 square foot church debt free!

Through every trial, every test, every challenge, every mistake, and every setback, God never abandoned us. We held on to faith living. Yes, things were tight, and sometimes we had scraps, BUT we kept faith living and NEVER neglected ministry or family. There has never been a lack in our household. The barns were never empty, and the barrels never dry. Today, we still hold fast to our faith and the promises of God.

So, what is your faith living sto-



ry? How are you living? I have seen and heard many testimonies of victory from those like you, including being diagnosed with cancer, unemployed for months, divorced, death of a loved one, car repossessed, evicted, imprisoned, hospitalized, turned away from God, strung out on drugs, and so much more. But the beauty to those who walked this journey is that the Faithful Father stepped in and saved, healed, delivered, broke cycles, brought through, picked up, restored, cleaned up, put His love in hearts, gave beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning, garment of praise for heaviness, and called these victors trees of righteousness that He might be glorified.

So dear hearts, be determined to keep on faith living!

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## NDpendent Films Seeks to Honor Autism Awareness, Foster Understanding, Increase Inclusion and Garner Support for its Newest Project | Fort Worth, Texas



When Raymond Shorter wrote a screenplay, he enlisted his friends, Nick Britton and Luke Jensen to be a part of, "Tommy and Ray, the Movie." Despite their diagnosis of autism, these young men are extremely gifted. Still, they struggled with opportunities to showcase their talent. Since becoming aware of their dream, talent and determination, NDpendent Films has decided to make it possible for the young men to showcase their gifts. Raymond stars in the movie as "Ray" and is finalizing the film's score. Nick and Luke will reprise their real-life roles in the film as Ray's friends.

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, NDpendent Films is proud to join the global effort to raise awareness and foster understanding of *autism spectrum disorder* (ASD). NDpendent Films is working to make the dreams of three Fort Worth students come

true. The students each on the autism spectrum attend Fort Worth's Wedgwood Academy, a school dedicated to the education of children with learning differences.

Autism Awareness Month serves as the perfect opportunity to promote greater awareness of the challenges faced by these boys with autism. NDpendent Films is committed to the work of advocating for the rights, needs and well-being of those with ASD. They have made it their mission to support students like Raymond, Nick, Luke and ensure that all students like them are supported, respected and included in all aspects of life.

"Our mission is to continue fostering a culture of inclusivity and empathy," said Cynthia Nobles, Executive Producer of Tommy and Ray, the Movie. "We recognize the unique perspectives and talents of individuals on the autism spectrum, and we believe it is essential for our communities to come together to break down barriers and promote understanding."

NDpendent Films will promote these three to ensure they receive the support they need to realize



their dream of filmmaking, screenplay writing, acting and composing. An Indiegogo campaign was launched to assist in raising the funds needed to bring "Tommy and Ray, the Movie" into frui-

Executive Producer Cynthia Nobles issued a call to action for everyone to, "get involved, share resources, take time to learn more about autism, and meet these three amazing teens. "Tommy and Ray, the Movie" provides a glimpse into the world of ASD through the lens of creative minds. Furthermore, the movie is part of a broader effort of collective action and awareness to create a more inclusive and compassionate world for individuals with ASD.

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#### Does Your Church Make Members or Disciples? By Justin Gravitt

Has it really all come down to this? Accept Christ, become a member of a local church, and spend Sunday mornings in church? Did Jesus shake up religious and governmental authorities so that someday millions would eagerly join churches and come together each Sunday to sing songs, sip coffee and have polite conversations just outside the sanctuary?

Though Jesus called us to make disciples, most churches make members. I don't blame them. They don't know any other way. As the Greek poet Archilocus said, "We don't rise to the level of our expectations, we fall to the level of our training." A pastor's training is focused on orthodoxy (right belief) rather than orthopraxy (right practice). For centuries the focus on belief in the pastor's training has matched his own experience of growth within the church. In short, church leaders are equipped to speak the language of the mind, not the heart.

The effect of this training hasn't been good. Congregations are filled with spiritual infants; spiritually and emotionally immature people have been church members for as many as 75 years. As their lives attest there's a world of difference between a church member and a disciple of Christ.

But what is that difference? Why do churches talk so much about becoming a member and mention next to nothing about becoming a disciple? Jesus taught that to follow meant to "take up your cross daily". So how does an invitation to come and die morph into come, ioin, and eniov?

To understand the present, we must first look at the past. For centuries Christ followers were hated. Since they had either turned away from pagan religions or come from the Jewish faith, they were outsiders. Most non-Christians believed Christians hated mankind, had the worst of vices, were superstitious, and a danger to Rome's survival. More than cultural outsiders, they were considered the scum of the earth. Instead of becoming members of a "church," they followed Jesus together. As a result, they were systematically persecuted and killed in horrible ways. They sacrificed everything to follow Christ. And then in AD 313, everything changed.

In 313 Constantine, the Roman emperor, decided to end the government's systematic persecution of Christians. The change was an admission that persecution hadn't worked. He then granted full legal standing to Christians, returned and restored property that had been taken or ruined, and changed the course of history.

In 392, Theodosius I continued the Roman government's endorsement of Christianity by outlawing all public and private practices of pagan religions. He decreed that each person must adopt Christianity. In less than 100 years, Christ following went from being persecuted to being required

Anyone who refused to join the church faced penalties. During the next 1,200 years the relationship between the church and government remained unchallenged. In that time, church membership was compulsory. In addition, what American Express taught us in its famous slogan, "membership has its privileges," was certainly true during this time. Joining the church was protection from persecution such as loss of property and/or exile.

These societal changes effectively gave birth to the membership model of the church. The radical change meant that the call was to join, not to follow. Those who had previously born fruit by dying (John 12:24), now pursued comfort through conformity. Instead of a place to come and die, the church became a club to join and enjoy. Within the club, social status and prestige were up for grabs. Pews were purchased like seats at a stadium with the best going to those willing to pay the most. The show happened on Sunday mornings and attendance was

Amazing, huh?! It's easy to see how history continues to impact churches today. In a culture that highly values assembling masses, the membership model is a good fit. Pastors are often evaluated by counting butts, baptisms, and \$bread. When the numbers are favorable pastors are patted on the back and rewarded with raises and opportunities at larger venues. On the other side, parishoners get to count without paying the price that the cross demands. By being faithful members, the spiritually immature end up in places of honor and leadership in the church community. In other words, it's a win-win; the people get religion without obligation and the leaders get to lead without the hassle of loving like Jesus did.

The primary problem of the membership model is the culture it creates. When the goal is masses, not maturity, the church develops an unhealthy culture that's ingrown. Let me explain...

In a membership culture, the force is centripetal; it pulls inward. A clear distinction's made between those who are in and those who are out. The initial call to a non-member is to join. The continuing call of a member is to contribute. Individuals the culture celebrates is telling. In a membership culture, those who attend the most, give the most (money and/or time), and persuade the most non-members to become members, are the ones who are celebrated. Since members are drawn inward, they expect those they seek to reach to come to the organization. In this way, the organization intentionally sustains and grows itself by making new members.

By contrast, the force of a disciple making culture initially draws inward, but only for the purpose of propelling outward. The inward movement develops the disciple for deployment outside of the organization. The initial call of a non-disciple is to follow. The continuing call of a disciple is to follow and bear fruit. Individuals the culture celebrates is telling. In a disciple making culture, individuals who follow and hear fruit in the context of the lost (regardless of whether or not those reached ever join the culture) are the ones who are celebrated. Since the disciples are moving outward, they expect to go to those they seek to reach. As they go, the organization intentionally grows the Kingdom and fulfills Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

C.S. Lewis said, "The church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose."

Pastors and churches must be evaluated based on the kind of disciples they send out into the world. Each and every Christian is called to be and to make disciples. There's no exception or excuse for not pursuing maturity and reproduction.

So, what about you? To those who are pastors, what kind of culture are you growing in your church? To those who aren't clergy, are you striving to become like Christ? Do you intend to reproduce His life

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MORNING WORSHIP	.10:30 a.m.
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Reginald Andrews, Pastor/Teacher

Sunday Bible Study......9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship ......10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study......7:15 p.m.

O come. let us worship and bow down: **let us** kneel before the LORD our maker.'

#### Meadowbrook First Baptist Church "Compel them to come in"

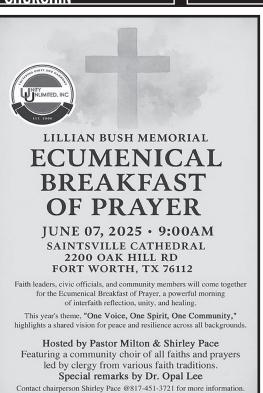
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#### Beware of imposters posing as Water employees to gain home access | CITY NEWS

Fort Worth advises residents to be suspicious of people posing as Water Utility employees to gain access to their homes. Recently, the utility learned of someone posing as a Water Utility employee who tried to get into homes by claiming there was a water leak they needed to investigate.



The incidents were in the Llano Springs area, and the individual was wearing a shirt with the City logo.

Take action: Customers are advised to call the police and report any incidents when they occur. Also, call the Water Utility at 817-392-4477 to make it aware of the incident.

The bottom line: Fort Worth Water employees never need to access a resident's home to check for a leak, check water pressure or sample water quality. Only in rare circumstances may an employee need to enter a home to follow up on an issue reported by the resident.

Why it matters: This is not the first time people pretended to be City employees to gain entry to a home. In the past, impostors have indicated the resident was due a refund. They would ask the resident to provide change for a \$100 bill to receive the refund, then rob the resident of the money. In another instance, an imposter was allowed in and then ransacked the home.

Individuals falsely claiming to be City employees are committing fraud.



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May 20 \* (11:00 a.m.) Baptist Ministers Union Fort Worth
Antioch Baptist Church, Fort Worth

May 21 \* (7:00 p.m.) Truevine Baptist Church, Pastor Jack Crane

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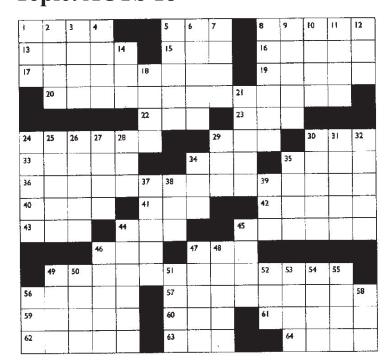
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#### **ACROSS**

I Napoleon's retreat 5 Base runners, usually

8 Alas companion 13 Telegraph wizard

15 The common mkt. 16 Showing ignorance

17 One of Apollos's teachers (Acts 18:26)

19 Actor Edward James \_\_\_ 20 Paul's assurance (Acts 18:9;

4 wds.)

22 Abraham's wife, for short 23 NRC predecessor

24 A refugee from Italy (Acts 18:2)

29 Stray

30 Baby seal

33 Beyond, prefix 34 Alliance including U.S., Cuba,

Haiti, and others 35 Dinner (Lat.)

36 Companions of Paul (Acts

18:5; 3 wds.) 40 Ireland

41 Far out, to eighties kids 42 Moses' dad

43 Vietnamese holiday 44 Withdrawn

45 Where Apollos excelled (Acts | 8:28)

46 One \_\_\_\_ time (2 wds.) 47 \_\_\_ and feather

49 Paul's encouragement (Acts 18:9; 4 wds.) 56 Benefactor

57 What one couple did for Apollos (Acts 18:26)

59 Sign of life

60 Norma \_: Field vehicle

61 Avarice 62 More clever

63 Where there was no room for Joseph and Mary

64 Being (abbr.)

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I Caesar or Charlemagne (abbr.) 2 The one who spoke to Paul in Acts 18:9-10

3 Verve 4 Org.

5 Peach dessert

6 A kind of fisherman 7 College sports org.

8 Fan

9 Flower famous in Lombard, III.

10 Hosea's child Lo-\_\_\_\_, from the Heb. for "not my people"

(Hos. 1:9) 11 Klutz

12 Florida's islands: abbr. 14 Environmental, prefix

18"\_\_\_\_ Girl!" 21 Persian

24 Possession

25 One twentieth of a ream

28 Vegas

29 Wolf down 30 Christian "rock" group

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31 Remove someone's fez

76 Illuminated from behind or

27 Where Reza Pahlavi once

that thou owest" (Matt. 18:28, KJV)

34 Bizarre

35 Rooster feature

37 Enlightened Buddhist

38 No vote 39 In finance, Fanny or Ginny's

last name

44 Pack rat

45 Bore through (arch.)

46 Win by \_\_\_\_ (2 wds.)

47 Perot or Bush

48 Ski resort

49 Dismal

50 "... he knew \_\_\_\_ the baptism of John" (Acts 18:25, NIV)

51 Half of a thiamine-deficiency disease

52 Fall behind

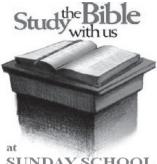
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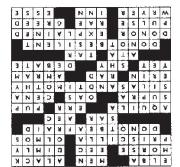
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11:30 am 1st Sunday ....Village Creek Nursing Homes Ministry following Pandemic guidelines.

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