

October 7, 2012

# Thought for the Week... —



## My Life Preserver

In the state of California, where I live, there is a town by the name of San Juan Capistrano. There is something very amazing that takes place at the very same time every year here.

On March 19, not a day earlier or a day later, the swallows (little, tiny birds) arrive here flying 6,000 miles from across the ocean from Argentina. Then, every October they make the return trip.

For years bird watchers have wondered how these tiny, little birds, that cannot swim, can fly such a long distance non-stop over the ocean. That is, until they discovered their secret. They noticed that every time the swallows begin their long flight, each one picks up a tiny twig that they carry with them over their ocean voyage.

A tiny twig is a very heavy burden for such a small bird! But they do not see it as a burden. The twig is their most necessary item, for it becomes their life preserver.

When they become weary and can go no farther, they place their twig on the surface of the water in the vast sea. As it floats, they rest upon it, as it becomes a life-saving device. When they have regained their strength to continue their journey, each swallow picks up its twig and continues its flight until it reaches its destination safely.

What a resting place we, as children of God, have in Jesus Christ. This is a place in Him where He BECOMES your life - not just a part of it. There is a secret place in Him that will keep you afloat when the sea of life get too vast, too big, or too overwhelming for you to handle alone. HE is a secret place, a hiding place, and a resting place.

David was no stranger to this secret when he penned, "when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the ROCK that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me" (Psalm. 61:2, 3 King James version of the Holy Bible).

The more you take time to be alone with God, the more you will learn to lean upon Him. Learn to be still. Then, you will find your refuge in the midst of the never-ending sea because in a quiet, still place He will strengthen you, change you, and give you a new heart that beats closer to His. Then you will have the strength to continue on. *By Kim Haney from More to Life Today Studies*

# Prayer Practice



Tues night 7:30 pm

Make it a habit too hard to break!



## MUSIC WORKOUT

Musicians and Praise Singers our monthly music workout is this Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. See ya then - Musicians at 4pm, Singers at 5pm.

### Youth Service

**Grab a Friend and Load up for a Youth Service in Clute this Friday Night at 7:30 pm. Meet here at POSF- for more info see Bro. LaVelle. Don't miss the Action!**



### Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Meeting will be held this month on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9AM with a breakfast. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, prayer, share and encouragement. Bring your ideas or suggestions for discussion. Also don't forget your dues if you have not paid. \$2 a month or \$24 for the year. See Sis. Jones for more information.

### Retirement Home Service

Next Sunday will be our Retirement Home Service at 2:30pm. Anyone wanting to participate see Bro. Boone – You will be greatly blessed!

### Digging For Treasures

Thursday evening 7:30pm at POSF is a special time of digging for treasures with Bro. Matt Clark. Gathering together to look into the Word Of God for the treasures and nuggets buried there. Come join in and be blessed!



## Pastor Appreciation Month

*Thank You for your Leadership at POSF*

*Bro. & Sis. Custer and Bro. & Sis. Jeanne*

*You are Very Special to each of us.*

Tune in for Great Gospel Music  
KJIC 90.5 FM  
King Jesus is Coming

## *Birthdays and Anniversary's*

*Week of October 7-13*



*Birthday Blessings!*

- 10 - Donna Roberson  
Bill & Becky Taylor
- 12 - Justin Hathcoat
- 13 - Donna Wills

*Happy Anniversary*



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### **Hawks And Lions**



One morning, I watched a rabbit nibble grass in my backyard. He was on the small side, with brown flecked fur and a cotton-puff tail.

Suddenly, a hawk sliced through the air as fast and precise as lightning. With talons outstretched, he snatched for his prey. But the rabbit recognized the approaching danger and sped to safety, just inches ahead of the hawk.

Like the rabbit that spotted its predator and scurried away, we as Christians need to be watchful so that we can evade our enemy. "The devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Satan wants to devour us by winning us over to his ways; he does this by **toying with the truth** (John 8:44) and trying to **deceive** us (Gen. 3:1).

The devil's schemes reflect his dishonest nature, and his tricks are meant to catch us off guard. In response, Christians should be alert and clear-headed (1 Peter 5:8). Living in this state of active readiness helps us discern false teaching (1 John 4:1-3; 2 John 1:7-11) and overcome temptation (Matt. 26:41).

Today, watch out for your spiritual predator. What kind of lies is he whispering? How is he tempting you? Resist him, and he will flee (James 4:7).

The devil is cunning, deceptive, and sly;  
He's clever; he tricks us to swallow his lie.  
But his crafty methods we're sure to discern  
If we make God's warnings our daily concern.  
—D. De Haan



**The first step on the way to victory is to recognize the enemy.**

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