

May 6, 2012

Thought For the week... —

Stretching Exercise

Jesus said you can't put new wine into old wineskins. Wine was kept in animal skins. Old wineskins dry up and lose their elasticity, their ability to stretch, grow, change and expand in God's capacity. You have to expand your capacity to increase your influence for God.

Stretch Forth - *action* - stretching has the tendency to cause pain. When you stretch you are working muscles. So in order for us to stretch ourselves to what God asks us to become, it's going to require some pain on our part both as a church and personally as well. Do you know how you make a muscle stronger? You have to tear down some of the cells by over-committing your muscle. It's time to take a healthy look at the amount of spiritual commitment you are currently undertaking. Faith, Prayer and Fasting – we must crucify the flesh and sometimes that commitment is painful because the flesh does not want to participate. We reap what we sow, your return will only be as great as your investment. When you enlarge your capacity for God by stretching your investment of faith, prayer, and fasting - God will expand your influence for what He wants to do in and thru your life as an individual and as a church! Come on let's do some *s t r e t c h i n g* exercises!!



And these words...
shall be upon your heart;
and you shall teach them
diligently to your children...
-Deuteronomy 6:6-7



**"I have
hidden YOUR WORD
in my heart
that I might
not sin
against you."**

P s a l m 119:11

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

Prayer Meeting

Tues night 7:30 pm

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Prayer Unit
Push
something
through

Make it a habit too hard to break!

Mother's Day Tea Party



The Ladies will be celebrating Mother's Day with a tea party at the Milk Pail Tea Room & Bistro this coming Saturday, May 12th at 12 Noon. Cost is \$15 each. This is for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters. If you would like to join the "Mother's Day Fun", please see Sis. Alexander or Sis. Jeane for a headcount. Also there will be a Mother's breakfast here at the church Sunday morning at 9am serving muffins with love! Come celebrate this "special" time together.



Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Today

The Youth from Simply Jesus, UPC church in Hitchcock pastored by Bro. Horace Stephens (formerly of POSF) are having a Fund Raiser TODAY for their youth trip coming up soon. The meal includes chicken spaghetti, green beans, corn, roll, dessert, tea and of course great fellowship! If you would like to be a blessing, plates are \$7 for Adults and \$5 for children. Dinner will be served starting at 12:15pm. The church is located at 6918 4th St in Hitchcock. For more info or to order, Bro. Stephens phone number is: 281-935-1976.

Youth Hangout Event

The Youth will be having a great evening hanging out together for fun, fellowship and devotion. Bring your friends and meet here at 7PM Friday night! See Bro. LaVelle Jeane for more information.



Southern Gospel Music Concert

The Jubilee Tour is coming to Houston, Thursday, May 10th @ 7PM. It features the Booth Brothers, Greater Vision, and Legacy Five. Tickets are \$25 at the door (kids under 10 Free) \$22 if ordered ahead. Event will take place at Sagemont Baptist Church, 11300 S Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston. For more information call 1-800-965-9324.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Week of May 6-12



8 - Tony Montez
Debbie Young
9 - Ricky Uzzel



Outside The Boat



Katsushika Hokusai was one of the most prolific and celebrated artists in Japanese history. Between 1826 and 1833, when he was in his mid-60s and early 70s, he created his greatest work—a series of color woodblock prints titled *Thirty-Six Views of Mt. Fuji*. Among those paintings was his masterpiece: *The Great Wave Off Kanagawa*. This painting, created during a time of financial and emotional struggles for Hokusai, shows a towering wall of water edged with clawlike foam about to crash down on three slim boats full of rowers.

Psalm 107 also tells a story of people in peril at sea. Afloat on the waves, “they mount up to the heavens, [and] they go down again to the depths.” And as a result, “their soul melts because of trouble” (v.26). Eventually, the sailors send an S.O.S. to God, and He responds by smoothing out the sea and guiding them to their destination (vv.28-30).

When we face desperate circumstances, we tend to look to other people for guidance and comfort. They are in the same boat, however—lost in an ocean of life’s ups and downs. Only God is outside the boat, sovereign, stable, and strong enough to calm the storms (vv.24-25,29). Facing trouble? Call on Him!



Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain? -Owens



We worship a God who is greater than our greatest problem.

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