

September 2, 2012

Thought for the Week... — Growth Persuasion



My uncle who lived in Florida was discouraged by the lack of fruit on his grapefruit tree. Someone told him he needed to whack the trunk of the tree a few times with a board.

Apparently, there is some truth to this unusual method of encouraging growth. One gardening expert says: "At times, the flowering hormone in the tree seems to get stuck and no flowers appear. Carefully persuade the tree to flower by shocking it. Hit the trunk . . . several times, [which will cause] small bruises in the bark." This advice may stimulate growth.

When trouble comes into our lives, we sometimes feel as if we've been hit broadside. We feel desperation and then we wonder, *Why is this happening to me?*

One possibility is that God is using a painful experience to get our attention. In Psalm 119:71, David wrote, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes." And Hebrews 12:11 says that chastening "yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness."

Is God using pain in your life to lovingly persuade you to change? The season of trouble may not be easy, but if we let ourselves be trained by it, new growth will result as we become more like Him (Phil. 3:10).



We shrink from the purging and pruning,
Forgetting the Gardener knows
The deeper the cutting and paring
The richer the cluster that grows. —Anon.

**Affliction for God's people can be the pruning knife to
prepare us for greater fruitfulness.**

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"Fruit requires Root...
If you resist invisible
root growth, you'll
never experience visible
fruit growth." -Joel
Urshan

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

Prayer Practice

Tues night 7:30 pm



Make it a habit too hard to break!

There will be NO EVENING SERVICE today.
Service at 10 AM and Spanish Service at 1PM.



Family Fun Night

Getting back in the swing of schedules and an orderly week! Break out and join us for FOOD, FUN and GAMES – some down home laughter and fellowship this Friday night at 7PM at POSF's Family Fun Night! It does a heart good ...like medicine so DON'T MISS OUT – See ya there!

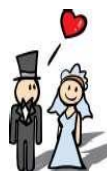
Music Practice

Musicians will be meeting this Saturday at 4PM for our monthly music practice workshop and Praise Singers will join in at 5PM! See ya there!

YOUTH BREAKOUT RALLY

There will be a sectional Youth Breakout Rally this Friday night at Pearland. The van will be leaving the church at 6:30p.m. For more details see Bro. LaVelle Jeane.

You Are Invited



Everyone is invited to the Marriage Celebration of
Sue Ellen and Walter Hamilton this Saturday
September 8th at 1pm

Here at The Pentecostals of Santa Fe and
afterward at the Reception.

Reception will be at 9922 Jay Road in Hitchcock. Wedding rehearsal will be Thursday night for those involved. We share the joy of God's wondrous blessings with this couple.



Birthdays and Anniversary's

Week of September 2 - 8



- 2 - Harold & Winphra Schaeper
Linda Tittle
- 3 - Michael & Janice Evans
Joy Lopez
Geroge & Lou Wetzel
- 5 - Lorenza Hernandez
- 8 - Daphne Taylor



Happy Anniversary

Always on the Job

Our neighbor told me he'd once tried to rob a store. Until one thing stopped him...

**GOD is Our Security Guard--
Always on the Job!**

We were sitting at the table in our Florida home and talking to our next-door neighbors. This young couple had helped us a lot in the past year and a half, after my stroke and my husband's leg injury.

Unexpectedly, the husband began telling us the story of his troubled past. At 16 he'd fallen in with the wrong crowd in his hometown of Greenwood, South Carolina, and had spent a year in a reformatory. When he was released he'd had good intentions but, because of his record, he couldn't find a job.

He became desperate and decided to rob a local service station so he could have enough money to leave the state. He stole his father's car and gun and just before closing time, drove up to the service window of a gasoline station. He was about to demand all the money from the woman manager.

"But just then," he explained, "I looked up and saw the sign overhead. It read, 'God Is Our Security Guard—Always on the Job.' And I knew I couldn't rob that place. I then rushed home and prayed all night. I was determined to get my life straightened out. And with God's help, I did."

As he finished, I looked at my husband. Both of us remembered a night 13 years ago when I sat at our kitchen table in the same town of Greenwood, South Carolina, trying to make a sign for our business. I had scribbled down several words. Then finally it came, the slogan that my husband put on the sign that stood on the roof of the small service station that we managed: "God Is Our Security Guard—Always on the Job."

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To Worship With Us!***

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10AM & 6PM
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Tue Prayer Mtg 7:30PM
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