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GOD SIGHTINGS™

LEARNING TO EXPERIENCE GOD EVERY DAY™

During 2010, ones who worship at Broadman participated in **GOD SIGHTINGS**, a through-the-Bible lesson series. This is a record of some of the learned-lessons worshippers have reported. These are **personal God Sightings**.

I don't know about you but these last few years have been tough financially for Randy and me. We want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. We don't know how we could have gotten through it without all of you and, of course, our faith that God will always provide. Because of our financial hardship our giving these last couple of years has not been what we would have desired. I'll be honest, I have carried a lot of guilt that we haven't been able to contribute financially the way we have in the past and the way that we desire to do. Then last year when we were reading through the Bible with the **God Sightings** program I ran across these verses that made me realize that God can see my willingness to give even if my ability to give has been affected.

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: 'The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.' 2 Corinthians 8:7, 12-15

Dear Lord, I confess that sometimes I am too casual, too cavalier, about giving to You. From now on, according to Your Word, I want to give deliberately and generously, from a heart of faith and with open hands as an act of worship to You. So I ask for Your help—whether my gift will involve money, time, attention, service or prayer, I want to give liberally, with passion and purpose, never squandering an opportunity to sacrifice for you. Amen.

-- Heather Groetz, March 2011

Jeremiah 44:16 – Multiple times Jeremiah’s message had been rejected by national Israel. Personally Jeremiah must have felt disappointment and even depression. When his own people said ***As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee (or we are not going to listen to you)***, he still didn’t stop prophesying! And so it must be with me. If one rejects my Holy Spirit-led presentation of the Gospel, I must not get *down*. I must remember that one is not rejecting the messenger, he’s rejecting the message. **I, like Jeremiah, must keep presenting God’s invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.** -- Anonymous

...and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me... **Galatians 2: 20** “I can give you my God sighting right now!,” said L. C. Maull at a Men’s Fellowship meeting. He then said something like “I fell off that truck...I was in a coma...I *flat-lined* twice...At least two doctors said I’d never recover.” Then L. C. began to cry and said, “I know I’m only alive because of the Christ in me; I love that verse of Scripture.”

Respectfully, prayerfully, gratefully posted here with L. C.’s permission -- WEBMASTER

In I Corinthians 8, Paul very well presented a discipleship concept. His illustration centered on food. Verse 18: ***Therefore if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble.***

A troubling dream awakened me in December 2010. In that dream I was mentoring a young man. With Holy Spirit’s leading, all was going well until the youngster saw me picking up pennies from a sidewalk and the floor of a store. The young person became very, very upset with me; **he viewed the collection as theft.**

Hours after the dream and my sleep ended, God directed me to I Corinthians 8. I must broaden the teaching there from just **meat** to **money** and **many other matters!** I must remember that anything—even everything—I do could cause my brother to stumble. Someone is always watching me. -- Anonymous

But who do you say that I am? Matthew 16:15 This is a question which demands an answer from every individual of every time. When Peter correctly identified Jesus of Nazareth as ***the Christ, the Son of the Living God***, he was not speaking for a group; he gave a personal confession that Jesus was the promised one, the One who would save him. No, Peter certainly didn't know or understand what would soon happen to the One he honored as Master. He even later disassociated himself from his Lord.

To become a Christian, one must recognize and faithfully, fully acknowledge and confess that Jesus of Nazareth is Messiah, Savior and Lord.

We can be too comfortable using the name **Jesus Christ**. We can become insensitive and recognize Christ as a surname, not a title. The Jesus of Scripture didn't have a surname. He was **Jesus of Nazareth**, named after his home village.

As a youngster, doubtlessly ones led by Holy Spirit asked me to personally explain who Jesus of Nazareth was. I did so. I now know, however, I was much like Peter; I didn't know what it all meant. I've now "read the end of the story" but I'm still learning. I am compelled to confess to you, dear reader, **JESUS OF NAZARETH IS THE CHRIST, THE PROMISED ONE, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.**

Thank you, Jesus, for dying for me.

-- Larry E. Taylor

