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## **NEVER WORRY**

1. **NEVER WORRY** in a room unless it has an air conditioner and an easy chair.
2. **NEVER WORRY** unless you can worry about one problem at a time.
3. **NEVER WORRY** unless you can set a time limit to worry.
4. **NEVER WORRY** over rumors, "they say," wait for the facts.
5. **NEVER WORRY** with a frowning face, wait until you have a smile and a song on your lips.
6. **NEVER WORRY** about a problem until you know what it is, write it down and face it.
7. **NEVER WORRY** while you are tired or sick.
8. **NEVER WORRY** until you set a definite time to worry.
9. **NEVER WORRY** while at work, play, shopping or talking.
10. **NEVER WORRY** about not having someone who cares -  
"Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you"  
(1 Peter 5:7).

## **So Near, Yet So Far** **Rodney Cheatham**

Most of us have had the experience of being so close to something, yet because we overlooked it, it seemed to be out of reach. In this short article, we will look at some examples of those who were very close, but couldn't, or didn't make it.

Moses made one slip that prevented him from entering Canaan. When the children of Israel murmured because there was no water, God told Moses to speak to the rock. Instead, Moses, who had no doubt grown agitated with the Israelites' constant complaining, disobeyed God. Instead of speaking to the rock, he gathered the congregation together. He said, "*Hear now, ye rebels. Must we provide water for you out of this rock?*" (Numbers 20:10). Then he took the rod and struck the rock twice. Because he did not give God the glory in front of the people, God would not allow him to enter the promised land. In Deuteronomy 3, Moses tells how he pleaded with God to allow him to cross over Jordan with the people, but again God refused. In Deuteronomy 34, Moses goes

to the top of the mountain. As God promised, Moses was allowed to see the promised land, but he was not allowed to cross over. He was 120 years old, and *“his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.”* He still had the stamina, but because of his disobedience, he was not allowed to cross over. He was so near, yet so far.

I am a student of civil war history. Just a few miles south of Nashville, in Franklin, Tennessee, is an interesting war site, the “Carter House.” It was on this property in 1864 that the battle of Franklin was fought. Captain Todd Carter, a 24 year old Carter son, was returning home to try to protect the family property. He had survived the battles of Nashville, Chickamauga and Atlanta. As his unit approached the scene, he turned his force and yelled to his troops, “Follow me, boys, I’m almost home.” When he got within 150 yards, he was knocked off his horse by nine bullets from enemy fire. He was so close to home, yet so far away.

In Acts 24:25, Paul reasoned with Felix the governor about righteousness, temperance and the judgment. Felix trembled. He said, *“Go thy way for this time, and when I have a more convenient time I will call for thee.”* As far as we know, that time never came for him. He was so near, and yet so far.

In Acts 26:27, Paul stood before king Agrippa. After relating to him about the gospel, Paul said, *“King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? In know thou beliveth.”* Agrippa said, *“Almost thou persuadeth me to be a Christian.”* He was almost persuaded. So near, and yet so far away.

Friends as we journey through this “veil of sorrows,” let us live each day in view of a never ending eternity. How sad it would be on judgment day if we could see the spenders of heaven in front of us, and yet be turned away. So near, yet so far away. May God help us to be faithful unto death, so that we can enter into the promised land.



## WE NEED MORE GRANDPAS

Junior bit the meter man...Junior hit the cook;  
Junior is anti-social now...(According to the book).

Junior smashed the clock and lamp...Junior hacked the tree;

(Destructive trends are treated...in chapters two and three).

Junior threw his milk at Mom...Junior screamed for more;  
(Notes on self-assertiveness are found in chapter four).



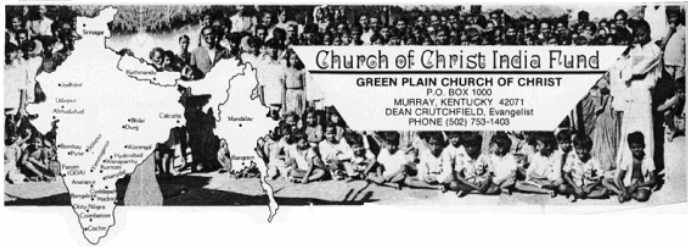
Junior tossed his shoes and socks...Out into the rain;  
(Mischievous that is normal...disregard the strain).

Junior set Dad’s shirt on fire...whittled Grandpa’s pine;  
(That’s to gain attention...see page 89).

Grandpa seized a slipper...And yanked Junior across his knee;  
(He’s read nothing but the Bible since 1893)!!!



...Author Unknown



December 25, 2009  
Green Plain Church of Christ  
Hazel, Kentucky 42049

Dear brethren:

Thank you for responding again, in a most generous manner, to the needs and opportunities to carry on the Lord's work in India.

The recent special contribution of \$7484.90 was outstanding, and clearly demonstrates your love for the Lord, your willingness to give, your love for souls in need of the gospel, and your support of our efforts in India.

Please continue to pray for this work, the brethren over there, and for me. Be assured that the brethren in India, and I, are praying for you, that God will bless you abundantly in all good things.

With sincere gratitude, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Dean Crutchfield



**Prayer List:** Paul Brandon, John Brinkley, James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Binita Irvin, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Ovie Ward (Bobby's father), Frances Wyatt (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

**Shut-ins:** Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

## News at Green Plain

**Visitation Group #2** meets Sunday, the 10th.

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

**"And he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee"  
(Acts 24:25).**

### ATTENDANCE January 3, 2010

Bible Study	63	Worship P.M.	54
Worship A.M.	76	Mid-week (12-30)	

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The church building is located  
southeast of Murray -  
One mile off highway 641 -  
Near the corner of the Green  
Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
January 2010

**USHERS:** Robert & Preston Barrett  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Larry Enoch

**PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE**  
**AM:** Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt  
**Substitute:** Bobby Hall

**ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**  
**AM:** Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent  
**Substitute:** Frank Towery

**Sunday PM**  
1-10.....James Pigg  
1-17.....Paul Brandon  
1-24.....Chad Canter  
1-31.....Frank Pool

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
1-10.....Charles Enoch (Jn. 12:37-41)  
1-17.....James Pigg  
1-24.....Rob Enoch  
1-31.....Bill Stubblefield

**OPENING PRAYER:**  
1-10.....Dave Thompson  
1-17.....Larry Enoch  
1-24.....Robert Meredith  
1-31.....Paul Brandon

**CLOSING PRAYER:**  
1-10.....Brent Morris, Jr.  
1-17.....Hayes Grady  
1-24.....Roy Wyatt  
1-31.....Ira Sellars

**COUNT CONTRIBUTION:**  
Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett

**SONG LEADERS:**  
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening.....Chad Canter  
Wednesday.....Eddie Ward  
Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

**COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:**  
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

**GREETERS:** Bobby & Faye Ward

If you are unable to serve, please  
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Mark 10**

1. Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus about a man putting away (divorcing) his wife?
2. Had this question already been answered?
3. Does the same apply to both men & women?
4. Which two of the twelve asked Jesus to have them sit, one on His right and one on His left?

1. They were trying to tempt Him (v. 2)  
2. Yes, He asked them what Moses commanded them (v. 3)  
3. Yes (vs. 11-12)  
4. James & John, He told them it was not His to give (v. 40)

**Remember to  
bring snacks for  
the hospital.**

**Pantry Item  
Paper Plates**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.  
Worship.....10:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.  
For transportation call 492-8206  
“A Friendly Welcome Awaits You”

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST**  
Weekdays, 11:30 AM. WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST**  
Sunday, 7:30 A.M... WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR  
January 10, 2010**

A.M. - Here Am I, Send Me

P.M. - Trying to Force God into Your Mold

**WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED**

**Hear the gospel**

*Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17*

**Believe**

*Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6*

**Repent**

*Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30*

**Confess faith in Christ**

*Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10*

**Be baptized (immersed)**

*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;*

*Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

**Continue faithful unto death**

*Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9*