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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

MOM YOU ARE A SHINING STAR THOUGH THE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW YOUR NAME.
YOU HAVE NO FANCY TITLE LIKE BARONESS OR DAME.

MOM YOU REALLY ARE A STAR, MY MOTHER MENTOR AND FRIEND.
A NOBEL PRIZE FOR MOTHERHOOD IS WHAT I'D RECOMMEND.

AND IF I WON THE LOTTERY I'D SHARE MY WIN WITH YOU
I'D TAKE YOU MOM ON A SPENDING SPREE EACH DAY THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH!

YOU MAY NOT BE FAMOUS, AS YOUR FACE IS KNOWN TO FEW.
BUT MOM I THINK YOU ARE WONDERFUL AND I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!

NOTE FROM THE RESOURCE ROOM

A REMINDER FOR ALL TEACHERS, 1ST – 6TH GRADE; ALL PAST CALVARY CURRICULUM BINDERS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE RESOURCE ROOM.

ALSO, PLEASE BE PREPARED AND HAVE YOUR ORDER FILLED OUT AHEAD OF TIME. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE, BUT IT REALLY HELPS US OUT ESPECIALLY WHEN EVERYONE IS SCRAMBLING TO GET TO THEIR CLASSROOMS BEFORE SERVICE.

DEAD SEA SCROLL FRAGMENTS AND BIBLICAL ARTIFACTS EXHIBITED AT AZUSA PACIFIC

SHARE IN ONE OF THE GREATEST ARCHEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES OF THE 20TH CENTURY AS AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY HOSTS AN EXHIBITION FEATURING FIVE FRAGMENTS OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND A COLLECTION OF RARE BIBLICAL ARTIFACTS FROM **MAY 21–JULY 18**. TICKETS ARE CURRENTLY ON SALE AT WWW.APU.EDU/DEADSEASCROLLS

TREASURES OF THE BIBLE: THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND BEYOND OFFERS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE IN THE FULL HISTORIC SWEEP OF THE BIBLE'S PRESENCE IN THE WEST IN A SINGLE EXHIBITION, AND MARKS THE FIRST TIME ALL FIVE OF AZUSA PACIFIC'S DEAD SEA SCROLL FRAGMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING. ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE MORE THAN 50 BIBLICAL ITEMS, INCLUDING A 5,000-YEAR-OLD CUNEIFORM TABLET, A GUTENBERG BIBLE LEAF, ORIGINAL KING JAMES BIBLES FROM 1611–40, AND A 17TH-CENTURY HEBREW SEFER TORAH SCROLL.

THE NAMES OF GOD

JEHOVAH NISSI

THE LORD MY BANNER, THE LORD MY MIRACLE

USE IN THE BIBLE:

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT *JEHOVAH-NISSI* OCCURS ONLY ONCE IN EXD 17:15.

JEHOVAH NISSI IN THE SEPTUAGINT:

KURIOS KATAPHUGÊ MOU — THE LORD IS MY REFUGE

MEANING AND DERIVATION:

JEHOVAH IS TRANSLATED AS "THE EXISTING ONE" OR "LORD." THE CHIEF MEANING OF *JEHOVAH* IS DERIVED FROM THE HEBREW WORD *HAVAH* MEANING "TO BE" OR "TO EXIST." IT ALSO SUGGESTS "TO BECOME" OR SPECIFICALLY "TO BECOME KNOWN" — THIS DENOTES A GOD WHO REVEALS HIMSELF UNCEASINGLY. *NES* (*NÉS*), FROM WHICH *NISSI* DERIVED, MEANS "BANNER" IN HEBREW. IN EXD 17:15, MOSES, RECOGNIZING THAT THE LORD WAS ISRAEL'S BANNER UNDER WHICH THEY DEFEATED THE AMALEKITES, BUILDS AN ALTAR NAMED *JEHOVAH-NISSI* (THE LORD OUR BANNER). *NES* IS SOMETIMES TRANSLATED AS A POLE WITH AN INSIGNIA ATTACHED. IN BATTLE OPPOSING NATIONS WOULD FLY THEIR OWN FLAG ON A POLE AT EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FRONT LINES. THIS WAS TO GIVE THEIR SOLDIERS A FEELING OF HOPE AND A FOCAL POINT. THIS IS WHAT GOD IS TO US: A BANNER OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO GIVE US HOPE AND A FOCAL POINT.

CURRICULUM TRACKER

SUNDAY, MAY 2

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

GOSPEL LIGHT (#9)
CALVARY CHAPEL (#270)

PAUL MEETS JESUS
JESUS WANTS US TO SERVE ON ANOTHER

EVENING

2 YR OLD
3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#6)
HANDS ON (#6)

WE CAN TELL OTHERS THAT JESUS IS ALIVE
JESUS SENDS OUT HIS FOLLOWERS TO SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS
SAUL'S FRIENDS HELP HIM ESCAPE
SAUL DECIDES TO FOLLOW JESUS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

KINDERGARTEN
1ST & 2ND GRADE
3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#9)
HANDS ON (#6)
HANDS ON (#6)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#39)

GOD IS OUR DELIVERER

SUNDAY, MAY 9

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

GOSPEL LIGHT (#10)
CALVARY CHAPEL (#271)

PAUL'S ESCAPE
WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST JESUS

EVENING

2 YR OLD
3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#10)
HANDS ON (#10)

GOD IS WITH US
TELL EVERYONE
PAUL AND BARNABAS SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
REFLECTING GOD (PHILIP TELLS THE ETHIOPIAN
ABOUT JESUS
JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

KINDERGARTEN
1ST & 2ND GRADE
3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#10)
HANDS ON (#7)
HANDS ON (#7)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#40)

GOD IS OUR PROTECTOR

SUNDAY, MAY 16

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

GOSPEL LIGHT (#11)
CALVARY CHAPEL (#272)

PETER HELPS DORCAS
WE CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT JESUS

EVENING

2 YR OLD
3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#11)
HANDS ON (#11)

GOD IS WITH US ALL THE TIME
PAUL AND SILAS SING PRAISES IN PRISON
LYDIA MEETS PAUL
PETER'S FRIENDS PRAY FOR HIS RELEASE FROM JAIL
THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS UPON THE CHURCH AT
PENTECOST

KINDERGARTEN
1ST & 2ND GRADE
3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#11)
HANDS ON (#8)
HANDS ON (#8)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#41)

LET US NOT BE GUILTY OF MURMURING AND
COMPLAINING

SUNDAY, MAY 23

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

GOSPEL LIGHT (#12)
CALVARY CHAPEL (#273)

PETER ESCAPES
WE ALWAYS NEED TO PRAY

EVENING

2 YR OLD
3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#12)
HANDS ON (#12)

GOD IS WITH US BECAUSE HE LOVES US
PAUL AND SILAS PRAY IN PRISON
PRISCILLA AND AQUILA HELP PAUL
JESUS EXPLAINS TRUE WORSHIP
THE EARLY CHRISTIANS GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP

KINDERGARTEN
1ST & 2ND GRADE
3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#12)
HANDS ON (#9)
HANDS ON (#9)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#42)

GOD TAKES CARE OF HIS CHILDREN

SUNDAY, MAY 30

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

GOSPEL LIGHT (#13)
CALVARY CHAPEL (#274)

PAUL HELPS A LAME MAN
JESUS WILLINGLY WENT TO THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS

EVENING

2 YR OLD
3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#13)
HANDS ON (#13)

I'M THANKFUL THAT GOD IS WITH US
PAUL AND SILAS ARE SET FREE
PAUL SHARES THE GOOD NEWS IN A STORMY SEA
GOD'S PRESENCE FILLS THE TEMPLE
PAUL IS SHIPWRECKED

KINDERGARTEN
1ST & 2ND GRADE
3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#13)
HANDS ON (#13)
HANDS ON (#13)

FOR I HAVE NOT SHUNNED TO DECLARE TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD.

ACTS 20:27

CALVARY CHAPEL GOLDEN SPRINGS BOOKSTORE

WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE? DVDs **RETAIL \$14.99** **SALE PRICE \$10.99**

KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS. DO YOU HAVE ANSWERS? WHO WROTE THE BIBLE? HOW DOES IT AFFECT OUR LIVES?

JOIN VEGGIE TALES CREATOR PHIL VISCHER AND A BOATLOAD OF NEW FRIENDS ON A GROUND- BREAKING JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD'S MOST AMAZING BOOK!

EACH DVD IS FILLED WITH ORIGINAL MUSIC, ANIMATION, PUPPETS, AND CREATIVE WRITING THAT WILL TEACH KIDS ABOUT GOD AND HIS WORD. VOLUME 1 & 2 INTRODUCES KIDS TO THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE AND THE BOOKS OF GENESIS AND EXODUS.

COLLECT THE ENTIRE SERIES—FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION—AND SEE GOD'S WORD COME TO LIFE FOR YOUR KIDS!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 56 MINUTES

BIBLE TRIVIA

THE NAMES OF SIXTEEN BOOKS OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE ARE HIDDEN IN THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH. CAN YOU FIND ALL SIXTEEN OF THEM?

I ONCE MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. IT WAS A LULU. KEPT PEOPLE LOOKING SO HARD FOR FACTS AND FOR OTHERS IT WAS A REVELATION. SOME WERE IN A JAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAMES OF THE BOOKS WERE NOT CAPITALIZED. BUT THE TRUTH FINALLY STRUCK HOME TO NUMBERS OF READERS. TO OTHERS, IT WAS A REAL JOB. WE WANT IT TO BE A MOST FASCINATING FEW MOMENTS FOR YOU. YES, THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO SPOT. OTHERS MAY REQUIRE JUDGES TO HELP THEM. I WILL QUICKLY ADMIT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF THEM, AND THERE WILL BE LOUD LAMENTATIONS WHEN IT IS FOUND. ONE LITTLE LADY SAYS SHE BREWS A CUP OF TEA, SO SHE CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN COMPETE. RELAX NOW FOR THERE ARE REALLY SIXTEEN NAMES OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THIS STORY.

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

VBS

THE EGYPT FILE: DECODING THE MYSTERY OF LIFE

I WILL PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE; MARVELOUS ARE YOUR WORKS, AND THAT MY SOUL KNOWS VERY WELL.

PSALM 139:14

JUNE 28 – JULY 2 @ VINEYARD PARK IN ONTARIO & JULY 19 – JULY 23 @ TONY CERDA PARK IN POMONA

FILE 001 – THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE (GENESIS 1:27)

FILE 002 – THE WONDER OF LIFE (PSALM 139:14)

FILE 003 – ETERNAL LIFE (ROMANS 6:23)

FILE 004 – THE VALUE OF LIFE (I JOHN 4:7)

FILE 005 – USING YOUR LIFE (EPHESIANS 2:10)

- **PRAYER COORDINATOR:** SOMEONE WHO HAS A HEART FOR PRAYER AND FOR ORGANIZING OTHERS TO PRAY
- **CRAFT COORDINATOR:** SOMEONE WHO IS ORGANIZED AND ENJOYS PLANNING, PREPARING AND EXECUTING CRAFT IDEAS.
- **SNACK COORDINATOR:** SOMEONE WHO IS ORGANIZED AND ENJOYS WORKING WITH FOOD.
- **MUSIC COORDINATOR:** SOMEONE WHO IS ENTHUSIASTIC AND ENJOYS SINGING WITH CHILDREN.
- **GAME COORDINATOR:** SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS PLANNING AND RUNNING RECREATIONAL GAMES WITH CHILDREN.
- **DRAMA DIRECTOR:** SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH DRAMA.
- **DECORATING COORDINATOR:** SOMEONE WHO HAS CREATIVE IDEAS AND ENJOYS DECORATING.
- **PHOTOGRAPHER:** SOMEONE WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY, ENJOYS SHOOTING PICTURES, AND ENJOYS CHILDREN.
- **ADVENTURE TEAM LEADER:** SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH GROUPS OF CHILDREN.
- **CHIEF INVESTIGATOR:** SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS TEACHING CHILDREN.
- **CREW MEMBER:** SOMEONE WITH THE HEART TO SERVE. WILL SERVE UNDER THE DESIGNATED LEADER OF EACH AREA, HELPING AND ASSISTING IN WHATEVER WAY THEY CAN.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY OF THESE AREAS DURING VBS, PLEASE CONTACT STEVE WEST. OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 16 @ 2:00PM IN THE JR HIGH ROOM.

BIBLE TRIVIA FOR KIDS

MIRACLES OF JESUS

- HOW MANY BOOKS ARE THERE IN THE WHOLE BIBLE?
- IN WHICH TESTAMENT WOULD YOU LOOK FOR THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT?
- HOW MANY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS ARE CALLED THE GOSPELS?
- IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE WOULD YOU READ ABOUT SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABED-NEGO?
- WHAT IS THE FIRST BOOK IN THE BIBLE?
- WHAT IS THE LAST BOOK IN THE BIBLE?

ANSWERS FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 6

WORD SEARCH

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| Cross | Pentecost | Temple |
| Dorcus | Praises | Trust |
| Followers | Presence | Willingly |
| Good News | Priscilla | Worship |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MISSIONS SUNDAY

MAY 2, 2010

THIS WEEK WE WILL BE RECEIVING AN OFFERING FOR CALVARY CHAPEL VALPARAISO AND PASTOR CARLOS GONZALEZ IN VALPARAISO, CHILI.

PRAYER FOR THE CM

MAY 12, 2010

ROOM 109

WE WILL BE LIFTING UP THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

FATHER / DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

MAY 15, 2010

CALVARY CHAPEL COSTA MESA

2:00PM – 5:00PM

"DOUBLE CROSSED" – SOMETIMES LIFE CAN BE A FUNNY THING. THERE ARE THOSE DAYS THAT ARE COMPLETELY UNEVENTFUL, THEN THERE ARE THOSE OTHER DAYS WHEN SOMEONE BLACKMAILS YOU INTO BECOMING A SPY.

NIGHT OF PRAYER

MAY 28, 2010

FELLOWSHIP HALL

WE WILL LIFT UP THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTRY, MILITARY, MINISTRY AND PERSONAL NEEDS AT 7:00PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

II CHORON. 7:14

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

MAY 30, 2010

FELLOWSHIP HALL

OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN WHO WANT TO HEAR AND FOLLOW THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD AND WIN OTHERS TO CHRIST. THESE CLASSES ARE DESIGNED TO EQUIP YOU FOR MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP.

PRAYER REQUEST

- PASTOR RAUL & FAMILY
- CALVARY CHAPEL GOLDEN SPRINGS
- PASTOR TIM & FAMILY

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD, YOU WILL HAVE NO VISION."

RAUL RIES

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE:

| | MORNING | EVENING |
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| MAY 1 | I KINGS 1-2 | LUKE 22:54-71 |
| MAY 2 | I KINGS 3-5 | LUKE 23:1-26 |
| MAY 3 | I KINGS 6-7 | LUKE 23:27-38 |
| MAY 4 | I KINGS 8-9 | LUKE 23:39-56 |
| MAY 5 | I KINGS 10-11 | LUKE 24:1-35 |
| MAY 6 | I KINGS 12-13 | LUKE 24:36-53 |
| MAY 7 | I KINGS 14-15 | JOHN 1:1-28 |
| MAY 8 | I KINGS 16-18 | JOHN 1:29-51 |
| MAY 9 | I KINGS 19-20 | JOHN 2 |
| MAY 10 | I KINGS 21-22 | JOHN 3:1-21 |
| MAY 11 | II KINGS 1-3 | JOHN 3:22-36 |
| MAY 12 | II KINGS 4-5 | JOHN 4:1-30 |
| MAY 13 | II KINGS 6-8 | JOHN 4:31-54 |
| MAY 14 | II KINGS 9-11 | JOHN 5:1-24 |
| MAY 15 | II KINGS 12-14 | JOHN 5:25-47 |
| MAY 16 | II KINGS 15-17 | JOHN 6:1-21 |
| MAY 17 | II KINGS 18-19 | JOHN 6:22-44 |
| MAY 18 | II KINGS 20-22 | JOHN 6:45-71 |
| MAY 19 | II KINGS 23-25 | JOHN 7:1-31 |
| MAY 20 | I CHRON. 1-2 | JOHN 7:32-53 |
| MAY 21 | I CHRON. 3-5 | JOHN 8:1-20 |
| MAY 22 | I CHRON. 6-7 | JOHN 8:21-36 |
| MAY 23 | I CHRON. 8-10 | JOHN 8:37-59 |
| MAY 24 | I CHRON. 11-13 | JOHN 9:1-23 |
| MAY 25 | I CHRON. 14-16 | JOHN 9:24-41 |
| MAY 26 | I CHRON. 17-19 | JOHN 10:1-21 |
| MAY 27 | I CHRON. 20-22 | JOHN 10:22-42 |
| MAY 28 | I CHRON. 23-25 | JOHN 11:1-17 |
| MAY 29 | I CHRON. 26-27 | JOHN 11:18-46 |
| MAY 30 | I CHRON. 28-29 | JOHN 11:47-57 |
| MAY 31 | II CHRON. 1-3 | JOHN 12:1-19 |

SO THEN FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

ROMANS 10:17

CALVARY CHAPEL DISTINCTIVES

INTRODUCTION: THE CALL TO THE MINISTRY (CONT...)

HAND IN HAND WITH A SENSE OF CALLING COMES THE NECESSITY OF COMMITMENT. THERE ARE FEW MORE VITAL QUALITIES A PASTOR CAN HAVE THAN COMMITMENT TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST. I AM WHAT I AM NOT BY MY OWN AMBITIONS, NOT BY MY OWN DESIRES, NOT BY MY OWN WILL. I AM WHAT I AM BY HIS WILL. I'VE COMMITTED MY LIFE TO HIM. AND IF I AM COMMITTED TO THE LORD, I WILL ALSO BE COMMITTED TO HIS WORD AND HIS MINISTRY, TO SERVE OTHERS.

TO HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE IN OUR SERVICE WE NEED TO REMEMBER THE WORDS OF JESUS. HE SAID, "...THE GENTILES EXERCISE LORDSHIP OVER THEM; AND THEIR GREAT ONES EXERCISE AUTHORITY UPON THEM. BUT SO SHALL IT NOT BE AMONG YOU: BUT WHOSOEVER WILL BE GREAT AMONG YOU, SHALL BE YOUR MINISTER: AND WHOSOEVER OF YOU WILL BE THE CHIEFEST, SHALL BE SERVANT OF ALL." (MARK 10:42-44). IT IS ESSENTIAL TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE MINISTRY IS NOT A PLACE OF BEING SERVED, OF PEOPLE WAITING ON YOU, HONORING YOU, AND RESPECTING YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE THE MINISTER. IT'S ACTUALLY A PLACE OF SERVING PEOPLE, EVEN IF THAT MEANS GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DO IT.

RECENTLY I ATTENDED A PASTOR'S CONFERENCE AND WAS AMAZED AT WHAT SLOBS THE PASTORS WERE. THEY WOULD TAKE THEIR COFFEE CUPS AND COKES INTO THE ROOM WHERE WE HAD OUR MEETINGS. NOW, I HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, BUT WHEN WE WERE DISMISSED, THEY JUST LEFT THEIR COKE CANS AND COFFEE CUPS ON THE FLOOR. SO I FOUND MYSELF GOING AROUND PICKING UP THE COFFEE CUPS AND COKE CANS, AND CLEANING THE AUDITORIUM. I KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE COMES AND KICKS OVER A COFFEE CUP ON THE CARPET. I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE A BAD WITNESS OF OUR CALVARY CHAPEL MINISTERS AT THAT CAMP FACILITY. SO MANY PEOPLE SEE THE MINISTRY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE SERVED RATHER THAN TO SERVE OTHERS. TO THINK, "WELL, SOMEONE SHOULD PICK UP AFTER ME BECAUSE I AM THE MINISTER," IS NOT ONLY A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS, IT'S ALSO AN UNBIBLICAL ATTITUDE.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I USED TO LEAVE CLOTHES AROUND THE HOUSE. FINALLY MY WIFE SAID, "LOOK, I DIDN'T AGREE TO BE YOUR SLAVE! HANG THEM UP YOURSELF! WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO HANG UP YOUR CLOTHES?" WELL, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND SHE WAS RIGHT. I SHOULDN'T EXPECT HER TO HANG UP MY CLOTHES. THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT LESSON FOR ME. I HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED TO REIGN. I HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVE.

THE NIGHT THAT JESUS WAS HAVING THE FINAL SUPPER WITH HIS DISCIPLES BEFORE HIS BETRAYAL, ARREST, AND CRUCIFIXION, HE TOOK A TOWEL AND GIRDED HIMSELF WITH IT. THEN HE WENT AROUND AND WASHED THE DISCIPLE'S FEET. AFTER HE ASKED THEM, "KNOW YE WHAT I HAVE DONE TO YOU? YE CALL ME MASTER AND LORD: AND YE SAY WELL; FOR SO I AM. IF I THEN, YOUR LORD AND MASTER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET; YE ALSO OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET." (JOHN 13:12-14). AS PETER SAID, "FOR EVEN HEREUNTO WERE YE CALLED: BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:" (1 PETER 2:21). THE WORD "MINISTRY" ACTUALLY MEANS SERVICE. WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BE SERVANTS. WE ARE TO BE SERVANTS, FIRST OF OUR LORD, BUT ALSO OF HIS CHILDREN.

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ANSWERS – BIBLE TRIVIA FOR KIDS

SIXTY-SIX, NEW TESTAMENT, FOUR (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE & JOHN), DANIEL, GENESIS, REVELATION

