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# The Searcher

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SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES AND SEEKING THE LOST

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## DO NOT TOUCH THAT

### *Ross Haffner*

**Have you ever heard the saying, "Two wrongs don't make a right"?** Though the principle is very simple, many still try to justify bad behavior with more bad behavior. An example appears in the Old Testament account of David's reign as king of Israel. 1 Chronicles 13:7-10 reveals the sad account of Uzzah's untimely death.

The first mistake is described in 1 Chronicles 13:7. The Ark of the Covenant had been taken from Israel, and it was finally going to be brought back to the Temple where it belonged. The Scriptures tell us they decided to use a new cart to carry the ark, despite the fact that only the Kohathites of the tribe of Levi were to carry it with staves (Deut. 10:8; 1 Chron. 15:15). While a new cart was likely chosen out of respect for the mercy seat of the Lord, or perhaps for convenience, their actions were still unauthorized.

In the next verse we find David and all of Israel worshipping God **"with all their might."** They had assumed that God would accept this worship and bless the efforts of bringing the Ark of the Covenant home. Many today worship God in whatever way they choose and assume it to be acceptable. A prevalent doctrine teaches that since God "knows our hearts," He will be pleased with any form of worship (right or wrong). In the minds of these false worshippers sincerity alone is enough. Unfortunately for them, God has revealed that He is not pleased with these efforts in the following verses.

The next mistake was Uzzah's. When the oxen stumbled and caused the Ark to begin to fall, Uzzah used his hand to hold it up. 1 Chronicles 13:10 explains that God was angry with Uzzah and took his life. Because Uzzah was sincere and his motives were pure, many have wondered why God would kill him. We should remember God had plainly commanded how this should be done, and that command was ignored. Uzzah's and David's actions could not be tolerated.

Certainly, we must be sincere in our actions and worship to God, but sincerity must be coupled with truth (John 4:24). We can be sincerely wrong. There are many who believe they are helping people and teaching the truth when they are actually the blind leading the blind (Matt. 15:14). God does not accept sincerity alone. Those who ignore and disobey the law will receive their just reward at the judgment (2 Thess. 1:6-9).

We must not assume we are doing right based on our feelings, judgments, or what the preacher tells us. Only the word of the Lord can direct us properly (Col. 3:17). Let us examine ourselves in the light of His word, so we will know how we ought to live.

## WEATHERING THE STORM: FINDING STRENGTH IN TRIAL & HARDSHIP

| Date      | Title                                                            | Speaker          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 8-Jul-26  | Weathering the Storm By Building on Solid Rock                   | Joe Ruiz         |
| 15-Jul-26 | Weathering the Storm When the Storm Strikes Without Warning      | Jameson Steward  |
| 22-Jul-26 | Weathering the Storm When the Clouds Gather                      | Tommy Haynes     |
| 29-Jul-26 | Weathering the Storm When the Storm Lasts Longer Than Expected   | Chris Perry      |
| 5-Aug-26  | Weathering the Storm By Remaining Calm in the Midst of the Storm | Cody Westbrook   |
| 12-Aug-26 | Weathering the Storm By Holding Fast in the Storm                | Chris Butler     |
| 19-Aug-26 | Weathering the Storm Battling the Storm Within                   | Chad Ramsey      |
| 26-Aug-26 | Weathering the Storm Light Through the Dark Clouds               | Josh Walker      |
| 2-Sep-26  | Weathering the Storm Because the Storm Refines Us                | Andy Brewer      |
| 9-Sep-26  | Weathering the Storm ... of Opposition                           | Aaron Gallagher  |
| 16-Sep-26 | Weathering the Storm By Rising After the Storm                   | Mark Teske       |
| 23-Sep-26 | The Storm Weathered: When the Sky Clears                         | Robert Jefferies |

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

*Clifton Angel*

It is the message of Jesus. It is the proclamation of 12 verses in the New Testament. It was Paul's message to the Romans. It was Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians. It was Peter's command to the born again. It was the Apostle John's penned words 5 times in 1 John, and once in the "2 John" epistle. And tradition tells us that when he was old and could not walk, he was carried about on a stretcher and would utter these words to every one: "Love One Another"

Do we love one another? We can say that we do, but do our actions show it? "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Do we love one another? Do we only look at the faults in one another? Do we look at the positive in one another and let others know their positives? Do we give them encouragement? Do we build them up, edify them? Or do we talk about one another behind the back ("backbiting" and "evil surmising" as the Bible calls it)? Are we doing things for others? Is there someone that you do not love? If not, why not?

If there is something keeping us from loving others, we need to get rid of that something, whether it is an intentional or unintentional mental block, an outward judgment, a rumor, selfishness, or whatever the case. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Jesus said this to a group of men from all different backgrounds. He told a tax collector (Matthew) and an anti-government zealot (Simon the Zealot) to love one another.

Does the world see us loving one another, so that they know we are followers of Christ (cf. John 13:35)? Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter 1:22). Maybe you do not love because you have not been purified? We would love to help you obey the truth. Maybe you've once been purified but allowed hurt, heartache, or worldly hindrances to prevent your love? Repent and follow the Lord's example. Jesus said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

## Sunday Sermons

Lessons Learned From The Grave (AM)

Who Is This Jesus You Talk About Everyday? (PM)

## Bible Passages To Consider

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4)

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

**Sarah Hechavarria** was released from the hospital on Tuesday. She is recovering at home.

**Annette Pilcher** received a very good report from the Mayo Clinic last week. Her condition is going to be monitored with scans and medication.

**Mike Jones** had a pacemaker put in last week.

**Erica Stuckey** is recovering from a lengthy stay in the hospital.

**Rona Johnson** is at home with pneumonia.

**Sheila Winstead** is taking physical therapy.

**Jerry Baird** continues to be on oxygen at home.

**Dorothy Butler** is dealing with low oxygen levels.

**Rannie Butler** is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

**Jean Jones** is taking therapy at Desoto Healthcare.

**Lannie Smart**, husband of Danna Smart, is receiving wound care weekly.

**Jean Riddle**, aunt of Erica Stuckey, suffered a fall at the nursing home recently. She is dealing with a lot of pain.

**David Jones**, friend of Terry & Brenda Harris, had his last chemo treatment last week. He is scheduled to go to MD Anderson on September 3 to determine if he is a good candidate for a stem cell transplant.

Please continue to remember the following: **Betty Culbreath**, **Lucy Chamberlain**, **Joyce Valentine**, **Karen Oglesby**, **Don Sykes**, **Meredith Peek**, **Barbara Day**, **Alan & Linda Stone**, **Debbie Shull**, **Pat Pierce**, & **Beverly Parnell** in your prayers.

## BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone**; **Pam Eaton**; **Charlene Farris**; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson; **Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry &

**Brenda Harris**; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis;

**Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

## SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

**Lucy Chamberlain**; **Debbie Shull**; **Beverly Parnell**; **Pam Eaton**; **Phyllis Smith**, The Gold-ton at Southaven Room #116.

## SYMPATHY

**David Dukes**, former member, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday following a short illness.

## MEN TO SERVE - August 23rd, 2026

**Preside:** Bruce Dunaway

**Serve:** Nick Parker, Larry Cox, Ron Bobo, Edwin Reyes, Jack Etheridge, Michael Aggemang, RJ Jolomi, Jayden Parker

**AM Opening Prayer:** Brian Williams

**AM Closing Prayer:** Larry Nagle

**PM Opening Prayer:** Chris Tice

**PM Closing Prayer:** Larry Everson

**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Joel White

**Wed. Closing Prayer:** Robert Chamberlain

**Announcements:** Andy Young

**Song Leader:** Michael Gahagan

**Scripture Reading:** Dustin Rowe

**Security:** John Stubblefield

## REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST FOOD TEAM

Captain: Mary Baldwin

Bonnie Reid, Charlotte Dunaway, Rhnea Grady, Kim Wallis

## OUR RECORDS

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Bible Study       | 226 |
| A.M. Worship      | 286 |
| P.M. Worship      | 145 |
| P.M. Wed. Worship | 146 |
| Contribution      | \$  |



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## Schedule of Services

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Bible Class.....     | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Sunday Worship.....         | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sunday P.M. Worship.....    | 1:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday P.M. Service..... | 7:00 p.m.  |

### **ELDERS**

Gary Barch  
Larry Everson  
David Rister

### **DEACONS**

Bruce Dunaway  
Michael Gahagan  
Aaron Gallagher  
TJ Johnson  
John Stubblefield  
Chris Tice  
Andy Young

### **MINISTERS**

Robert Jefferies  
Josh Walker