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Living out the Revolution

(Revolution being defined as a sudden or momentous change in any situation. Jesus started a

revolutionary movement that indeed changed the world.)

The Sermon on the Mount has been referred to as the manifesto of The Kingdom.
(*The definition of Manifesto is a public declaration of principles or intentions.*)

One of Jesus declarations was this;

Matthew 5:13 (CJB)

“You are salt for the Land. But if salt becomes tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except being thrown out for people to trample on.”

Salt in the ancient world was very important. It not only brings out flavor and improves the taste, it also is a preservative and in the days of no refrigeration was essential in preserving food. Salt was costly too, you could only mine it in certain areas, no boxes of salt on a supermarket shelf in those days. So believers are as salt; your witnessing, your bearing, your attitude, how you live your life should bring out the best in people.

Also we are the preservative. We learn and preserve the teachings of Jesus, God’s Word and His Way.

Costly? We all know the price Jesus/Yeshua paid for us. He willingly gave His life in extreme torment to make a way for us to be saved and join Him later in the Kingdom.

And this is the scary part, losing your saltiness and becoming useless. Don’t let the junk of this world drag you down and wash out your abilities to be salt for God because as it sounds here, when it’s lost you might never get it back.

Jesus also said in Mathew 5:14-16;

“You are light for the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Likewise, when people light a lamp, they don’t cover it with a bowl but put it on a lampstand, so that it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they may see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.”

Light of the world? Look at John 8:12;

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

This is a call from Jesus to be and act as Jesus Himself did.

The light of Jesus was also prophesied of long ago. Isaiah 9:2 says;

**The people who walk in darkness will see a great light;
Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.**

And the light of life? The everlasting life promised to believers who put their faith, trust and hope in Our Creator and Our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Always looking up,
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TODAY'S CREATION MOMENT

CONSIDER THE PRAIRIE LUPINES, HOW THEY GROW

Luke 12:27a

Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not;

The remarkable recovery of flora and fauna around Mount St Helens, since the devastating eruption of 1980, was aided in large measure by a seemingly insignificant little plant, called the Prairie Lupine. It grows no taller than 24 inches, but is usually much smaller, with tiny blue flowers. Today, it grows in abundance in the areas most affected by the eruption and landslide.



Like all lupines, it is a legume. This means that it makes its own nitrogen compounds – an essential mineral for plants to grow. We say that it fixes nitrogen. The volcanic soil is deficient in this mineral, so the value of the plant is obvious, as it fixes more than enough for itself, and provides extra nitrogen for other, neighboring plants.

To be exact, it is not the plant itself that does the fixing. This is done by soil bacteria, called rhizobia, which reside in nodules in the roots of the lupine. What is even more interesting is that these bacteria cannot fix nitrogen, without attaching themselves to a suitable host plant, such as the lupine. So, the lupine needs the rhizobia, and the rhizobia need the lupine. This interdependency is known as a symbiotic relationship. A problem for the evolutionist is to explain whether the rhizobia evolved before the lupine, or vice versa. A far more scientific explanation is that both were designed by God for just such interdependence. Once again, the area around Mount St Helens, and the plants that live there, reveal the magnificence of God's creative work.

MJM Historian - position is open for candidate to maintain up to date record of MJM Officers, Events, to record MJM's history for future Members, etc...

MJM Membership Secretary - position is open for candidate to maintain up to date records of Membership, providing the National Newsletter Editor with Monthly Birthday's and Anniversaries, reporting New, Deleted Member to the MJM Board, Road Reps, etc...

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MJM FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
APRIL 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2017
OPERATING ACCOUNT

MJM MARCH 31, 2016 ENDING BALANCE \$5,086.25

DEPOSITS:

DUES 1,820.00
DONATION 648.19

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$2,468.19

EXPENSES:

POSTAGE: 60.12
OFFICE SUPPLIES 683.18
CORRESPONDENCE EXPENSES 500.00
NEWS LETTER EXPENSES 250.00
SPRING KICK OFF 264.70
EASIER RIDER SHOW
(INCLUDING BIBLES) 425.00
KY ANNUAL REPORT FEE 15.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,198.00

YEAR END BALANCE * \$5,356.44**

***** 320.00 HELPING HANDS
5,036.44 MJM OPERATING**

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MJM FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
APRIL 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2017

LIFETIME SAVING ACCOUNT

MJM MARCH 31, 2016 ENDING BALANCE	\$6,950.94
TOTAL INTEREST EARNED	\$ 1.39
YEAR END BALANCE	\$6,952.33

A Lesson Learned

Mary was widowed and facing serious health challenges when her daughter invited her to move into the new “granny apartment” attached to her home. Although it would involve leaving friends and the rest of her family many miles away, Mary rejoiced in God’s provision.

Six months into her new life, the initial joy and contentment threatened to slip away as she was tempted to grumble inwardly and doubt whether the move was really God’s perfect plan. She missed her Christian friends, and her new church was too far away to get to independently.

Then she read something that the great 19th-century preacher Charles Spurgeon had written. “Now contentment is one of the flowers of heaven, and it must be cultivated,” he pointed out. “Paul says . . . ‘I have *learned* to be content,’ as if he didn’t know how at one time.”

Mary concluded that if an ardent evangelist like Paul, confined to prison, abandoned by friends, and facing execution could learn contentment, then so could she.

“I realized that until I could learn this lesson, I wouldn’t enjoy those things God had planned,” she said. “So I confessed my inward grumbling and asked for His forgiveness. Soon after that a newly retired lady asked if I would be her prayer partner, and others offered me a ride to church. My needs for a ‘soul friend’ and greater mobility were wonderfully met.”

TODAY’S READING
Philippians 4:10–19

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.
Philippians 4:11

MARION STROUD

The Pig War

You've probably never heard of the "Pig War" between the United States and Great Britain because it's a war that almost happened. That war almost started in 1859 on the disputed San Juan

Island between Canada and the State of Washington. In the midst of that tension between England and the U. S., an American settler named Lyman Cutler shot a pig who was rooting through his potato patch. Unfortunately, that pig belonged to an Englishman, Charles Griffin. That incident was just like a match to a powder keg in an already inflamed situation. For twelve years, there was serious hostility and tension between the U. S. and British authorities over a pig. Finally, General Winfield Scott brokered a peace deal. So, fortunately, the only fatality in this conflict was a pig.

I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have A Word With You today about "The Fight That Isn't Worth It."

I wonder how many churches have had a war over some things that weren't much more important than Mr. Griffin's pig. How many marriages have become battlefields because of one relatively small issue that was never resolved and allowed to grow into something much bigger? How many families have become war zones over something that started as a relatively small conflict or misunderstanding between a parent and a child? How many friendships, how many working relationships, how many churches have come unglued ultimately over something like that pig?

Our word for today from the Word of God is packed with wisdom on this issue. It's a short but important statement in **Proverbs 17:14**. "Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out." That's pretty good stuff isn't it? We all get fixated on how that person insulted us, the affront we suffered, the hurting words that were spoken, the wound from some incident. It's not that the hurt or the issue isn't real; the dead pig was real, but is it worth "breaching the dam" by making it into a defining issue? Can we let it go instead of letting it grow?

It's amazing how a hurt or a misunderstanding can totally destroy our sense of perspective; how it can cause us to forget the big picture and focus on one dark thing that we refuse to forgive or forget. As Jesus was preparing His disciples for His impending death, they were all caught up in a dispute over who was going to be the biggest "big shot" among them. They were so consumed by their ego and by turf issues they totally missed what was about to happen to their Master.

But that's what happens to us so often. We get derailed by some relatively small issue though, at the time, it seems like the biggest issue in the world to us, and we totally miss the huge things that really matter. And we can't, or we won't, get back on the main track. That's why God tells us, "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry." (**Ephesians 4:26**) When you do, you (it says here) give "the devil a foothold" (4:27). Deal with it while it's small. **1 Peter 4:8** tells us to "love each other deeply because love covers a multitude of sins." Love doesn't keep score; "un-love" remembers every wound. Love lets it go; "un-love" lets it grow. Love involves a lot of overlooking instead of overreacting.

The alternative is for that "bitter root" the Bible talks about to grow into something ugly and destructive. Bitterness is like an emotional cancer, constantly growing, destroying whatever it touches. But it doesn't have to be that way if you'll forgive, if you'll overlook, if you'll love unconditionally, if you'll keep your perspective on the big picture instead of getting dragged into a "pig war" over something that isn't worth sacrificing so much for. And if something relatively small has grown into something big and ugly in some relationship of yours, would you be the one to start the healing-the restoring process-before it does more damage?

Don't let walls and wars develop over battles that, in reality, just aren't worth it, because they keep us from fighting the battles that really are.

Fascinating, check it out.....<http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/fiction/pigwar.aspx>

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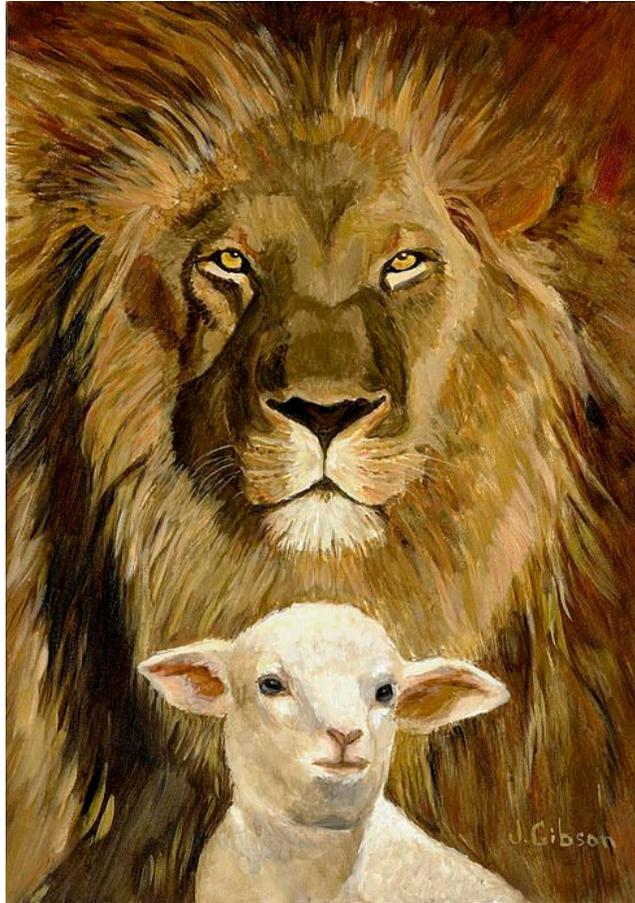
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