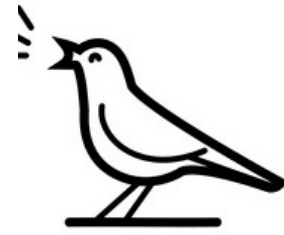




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**Pastor Bob's Blog**

Rare and Remarkable Virtue  
Seasons of Life, Charles Swindoll

You have heard the prayer and maybe even said it yourself:

Lord give me patience.... and I want it right now!

This rare and remarkable virtue is within the “and-so-forth” section of Galatians chapter 5. You know how we quote the passage... “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and so forth.” That lazy habit has caused a very important series of virtues to become forgotten. Look at the text as it is written.

Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Generally speaking, the Greek word is not used of patience in regard to things or events, but of patience in regard to people. This beautiful characteristic of Christ is important to all Christians... and that includes each of us. Without it, you cannot walk in a manner worthy of your calling (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12). And you are to demonstrate it before everyone (1 Thess. 5:14). That includes children, spouses, employers, neighbors, slow drivers, people who make mistakes, senior citizens, and God! In fact, patience is a byproduct of love (1 Cor. 13:4).

If you and I were asked to name an example of this inevitable quality, Job would be our man. Now I am of the opinion that he didn't sit down one day and make up his mind that he would be a patient person. Surely he never tried to bargain with God for that virtue. In fact, the term doesn't even appear in the entire book of Job, check out for yourself. James 5:11 however, makes a remark about the endurance of “Job” and we know from that comment, that he was one who was patient.

How did Job become a patient person? The secret is found in the original term in James 5:11 rendered “endurance” meaning to “abide under.” Job rested and endured under the load of suffering. He determined that he would “abide under” the blast furnace of affliction regardless of its heat. The result was patience. As the slag of self will, phony pride, stubbornness, and resentment floated to the top under the heartache of grief, pain, and sorrow, patience formed - like the purifying process of raw gold. That explains why Paul says that the trials and tribulations bring about patience and perseverance within us.



Thank you, Pastor Grant

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## Charles and Shiresse Mildton

As of June 29, 2023, Charles & Shiresse have been married for 10 years, although they have known each other much longer. They met in 2008 at a hospital in New York City where they both worked. Charles was a contractor working on an assignment and Shiresse worked directly for the hospital.

Charles had heard about Shiresse from his supervisor and when he met her, he said she took one look at him and floated down the hall with stars in her eyes. Of course, Shiresse has a different account of their first encounter. They started talking to get to know each other better and eventually a friendship began. One day, Shiresse invited Charles to accompany her to Barnes & Noble to get some books during their lunch break. Afterwards, they would spend many lunch breaks sitting in the park enjoying nice conversations. Charles only worked on that account for one year; however, they remained friends and kept in touch over the years.

On New Year's Day, 2012, Charles sent a text message just minutes after midnight wishing Shiresse a Happy New Year. She responded, "What does 2012 have in store for you and me?" This began a texting conversation that went back and forth for a while, until Shiresse asked if they could talk instead of text. The conversation lasted all night and something much more than lunch breaks in the park was developing.

Since that January night in 2012, Charles & Shiresse began to court and they knew they wanted to be in a relationship that led to marriage. Charles asked her how she would feel about being a Pastor's wife at a Sunday church and she replied, "That isn't an option for me because of the differences in our beliefs." So, they began to talk about their differences, although Charles wanted to focus mostly on what beliefs they agreed on. They started having a morning prayer time together on the phone asking for God's guidance. Shiresse wanted to make Charles aware of some important theological differences they had, so she presented the 28 Fundamental Beliefs book to him and said, "Let's study this." Charles was willing and they studied it together. He did not want her to teach him things, because he didn't want accusations from his church or family believing Shiresse had anything to do with his decisions on this spiritual journey. He wanted to find out directly from God via his own studies. It happened. The Sabbath made sense. Charles had been studying and praying that the Lord would help Shiresse see the truth, but God eventually took the scales off of his eyes and the two were now on one accord. Charles was happy that he saw it for himself.

One year and a half later, on June 29, 2013 they married at Shiresse's cousin's church on the Sabbath and celebrated their union at a reception hall she liked in Queens NY later that evening. Once married, they settled on Staten Island in an apartment where they stayed for three years. Then they bought a home in Staten Island and lived there for three years as well. Shiresse had always talked about relocating to the country. She dreamed of living in WV but they came down to visit Doreen Herring who lived in Bostic, NC. They also visited

Rutherfordton SDA Church with Doreen. What amazed them was the amount of land people lived on comparing it to their NY experience. Then they started asking themselves, "What are we still doing in NY?"

The Lord told Shiresse it was time to leave the city and relocate to NC. What made it real to Charles was that the company he was working for had promoted him to an area manager, and when he told his boss about moving to NC, his boss said he could go ahead and work remotely. When he said that, Charles knew God was leading. Shiresse heard the Lord say, "I am going to give you all the blessings like the children of Israel when they left Egypt." She did not understand what that meant at the time, but the Lord would soon make it clear to them.

One weekend in August 2019, they traveled to a friend's home in Harrisburg, NC to search for a home to rent once they relocated. They found cozy four-bedroom house in Concord, NC that they rented for 1 year. Meanwhile, they put their house on the market in NY and in two days they had a contract on it. Their house sold in September 2019 and they were off to NC permanently. Shiresse was preparing to resign from her employment and apply for positions in hospitals in Charlotte, but God had other plans and told her not to resign. For years she had been suffering with carpal tunnel in both hands. The Lord told her to schedule to have surgery done on her hands, so she had the surgery done on one hand, and then the other. She was out of work for three months for recovery. Since she worked for the hospital, her surgeries were free, she was paid for three months by using up years of accumulated sick time, and she received funds from disability as well, all while living in NC. She spent her recovery time setting up their new home and getting her mother situated in a new environment.

They moved to Concord, NC during the start of COVID and most of the churches were shut down. They visited about five churches looking for a home. "The Spirit of God will tell us where to go," Shiresse said. She spoke to Doreen, who recommended a church and they visited the Concord SDA Church which was warm and friendly. "This is it!" They remained in Concord for one year, until the Lord told them it was time to purchase a home.

Eventually they moved to Rutherfordton, NC and started church shopping again. Doreen suggested this time to try Tryon SDA Church. From the first day, both Shiresse and Charles knew this was the place for them. They really felt welcomed. They currently work in several auxiliaries and ministries in the church.

The Mildtons get up early mornings for prayer and worship before heading out to work. After work, they have dinner and work in their small garden where they grow various vegetables. They have acclimated to country living really fast. They live on a clear two acres which requires about a three-hour mowing job for Charles. He welcomes all visitors who would like to assist.

Charles' favorite Bible text is Psalm 84:11, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and

## Nature Nugget -- NC in August

From the NC Wildlife Federation

August 4 is National Oyster Day. Did you know the eastern oyster is one of the most important species in NC estuaries (the mouth of a large river where the sea tide meets the stream)?

Shorebird migration peaks in August in the South as well. Some shorebirds, like the Great Blue Heron and the Killdeer, can even be found here in Polk County, far from the coast.

White-tailed deer fawns will be losing their spots this month. See if you can still tell them apart from their mamas!

Do you have skinks or green anoles at your house? August 14 is World Lizard Day.

August 20 is World Honeybee Day. Would you believe there are 500 types of bees native to NC?

Purple false foxglove blooms in August and American ginseng berries are ripe. Don't harvest wildflowers or berries without checking with someone as some wild plants are regulated to keep them from going extinct.

By the end of August, gray squirrels and green salamanders will be raising their babies and the late summer wildflowers will be in bloom all over the state. Happy almost fall!



Charles and Shiresse  
Mildton, Continues  
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glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." Shiresse loves Psalm 73:25, "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You."

Their whole existence and the experiences they have gone through has shown them God's power and great grace. Their faith in God continues to increase and they know He has always sustained them. They have had some difficult times and God has always come through for them – He continues to make ways out of no way. They have seen God work so many times in their lives when they did not know how to go forward. They said, "The people of God have to know that this is a faith walk"; "the just shall live by faith!"



"Have faith in God-  
Seek truth-do not delay,  
Have faith in God-  
The Scriptures search today,  
Have faith in God-  
His Holy Word obey.  
Have faith, dear friend, in God."

-H.M.S. Richards, Sr. (1894-1985)



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Images of an ideal summer might include melting popsicles, beach vacations, and long days of playing with friends. Sadly, the reality is very different for many children right now. Summer is a time when many kids go home to a bigger worry – where will their next meal come from?

Nearly 12 million children in the United States face that reality. It's hard to hear how many children experience food insecurity right here in Western North Carolina, but the hard truth is that 1 in 4 children are facing an empty plate at some point during the year, and this is truer in the summer, when students are away from school...and daily school meals.

Thanks to your support and the funds we've received from various organizations, Share Thy Bread has been a big part of making sure families with children are able to put food on the table, especially during the summer months. An additional blessing comes from the fact that local produce is at its best during the summer. If you have a garden, consider donating excess produce to help other families who need it.

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*Children watching eagerly for the STB delivery van to get parked at their house. Once it stops, they come running out to greet us!*



*Above: Boxes ready for delivery and produce ready to be sorted. Below: Nivia is a great helper at STB, proving no one is too young or old to be of service to others! Thank you, Nivia!*

## In Case You Hadn't Heard

Dick Bayley

While there has been a lot of debate over countless years about the story of Jonah and the “whale,” with the majority, probably, claiming it could only be a myth, at best nothing more than a children’s story. At the other end of the spectrum are the Bible-oriented people who know Jesus and His limitless power.

You may have missed a surprising news report back in June of '21, when a lobster fisherman by the name of Michael Packard was on the job off the coast of Maine, looking for lobsters near the bottom when, according to the account in the Cape Cod Times of June 11, he felt a “huge shove,” and instantaneously everything went dark. He was in the mouth of a humpback whale. At that moment, he thought, “There’s no way I’m getting out of here. I’m done.”

How could we not think of Jonah’s experience, Jonah, called by God to minister to the throngs of Nineveh, that huge capital of Assyria, known for rampant violence and wickedness. To Jonah it seemed an impossibility, one man countering the many thousands who were living in spiritual darkness, so the vastness of the task, from a human perspective, overwhelmed him, and he hoped to escape God’s call by fleeing to Tarshish.

Among most people, including the unchurched, the story of Jonah is one of the best known, and most maligned of Bible stories. I was in a meeting once where the subject of Jonah and the whale came up, and there was laughter around the room! Some of the most vocal doubters have put their views in print, saying things like “There are many characters in the Old Testament who never existed, such as Noah and Abraham [and Jonah]. The events in the O.T. are often exaggerated, or completely made up” (attrib. to Tagari, *The Bible, Fiction or History*). But then, there are cases like a 2015 incident when a Costco in California was asked to account for including the Bible in its section of fictional books (Fox News, May 2015).

Getting back to our current experience with the lobster fisherman, Packard said that in the whale’s mouth he saw light and the whale started “throwing his head from side to side, and the next thing I knew I was outside [in the water].” In fact, he was in the whale’s mouth less than a minute. While there he was severely injured, but without any broken bones. After rescuing him, his shipmate called for an ambulance to pick him up at the pier.

There was another case I’ll mention briefly. That was off the coast of South Africa in 2019, when a wildlife photographer was scooped up by a whale, and was soon released (Science Alert, 11 March 2019).

Although it doesn’t appear that this fisherman had a calling from God, his experience does reinforce our faith in Jonah’s story, which illustrates present truth for his day. As an Amazing Facts publication states, “Present truth is an aspect of the everlasting gospel that has particular urgency for a certain time.” He proclaimed that Ninevah would be destroyed in forty days if the people didn’t repent. So, Jonah’s lifting up the Savior turned the evil city around. It was present truth for that time.

Ellen White had much to say about the crime, violence, natural calamities and so on that she saw. And today, these problems are getting worse. “They are the agencies by which [God] seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger” (PK 277). Although Ninevah did repent for a time, it was relatively short-lived. Hence, quoting from the SDA Bible Dictionary, p. 799, “...those who wish to see with their own eyes the literal fulfillment of the prophecies of the OT concerning this metropolis can do so by roaming over the dust heaps of that old city.” Yet, in wicked Ninevah, whose very location was lost for centuries, were many who turned from evil and were saved.



*Michael Packard, shown here in a Cape Cod hospital, found himself in the darkness of a whale’s mouth back in June, 2021.*

## What's Up?

Bev Cook

Albert & Yahaira visited their two sons, first of all Jonathan in TN and the next weekend, David in FL. While in FL, David popped the big question to Mica Mihaescu (see pictures).

Michael & Debbie Owens have been busy with the grandkids and their summertime swim meets. Also working hard in their garden and putting up produce.

Ted & Jeanne Coles & Bev Cook gave 50 Great Controversies away in downtown Greenville at Falls Park at the Reedy.

Don & Deb Grant celebrated July 4th with friends. Don hit a birthday milestone (65) on July 29.

Kim Eckmann & Meghan, and Ramona almost completed the Pathfinder/Early Teen Room in the Morgan Center. They work well as a team!

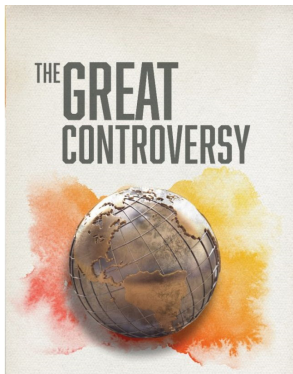
Ronnie & Connie Davenport played a game of miniature golf at Chimney Rock recently.

Judy Kyzer is recovering nicely from a splintered femur due to a fall. LeNoy is a great assistant in her recovery!

Dick & Lynn Bayley's daughter, Andrea, visited them from St. Paul (Woodbury), MN. They visited Lynn's brother at Fletcher Park Inn among other activities.

Mark & Debbie Balvin took a pleasure driving trip and stopped by their favorite French restaurant, Mon Ami Morning Cafe.

Tim & Jamie Grindley enjoyed their grandsons by taking them on a helicopter ride. On July 18, the Grindleys also celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary!







Dr. Lori Busch

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Check out our Facebook page to see all of the fun and educational things we do and come join us this year!

**Questions? Call Lori at (828) 817-1823. See you soon!**



*Near the end of last year the Pre-K and Kindergarten class had a friend come and teach us about running. We did lots of running exercises to help us learn about the importance of exercise.*

*Opposite: We also had karate coaches from Spartanburg Martial Arts do exercises with us. We learned a few cool karate moves! They even stayed to read us a book and ate lunch with us. We enjoyed learning new exercises. Come have fun with us this year!*



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## Biological Living

Bev Cook

Excerpts from Bottom Line  
 Health Newsletter

Natural food stores and supermarkets now are giving more and more shelf space to “organic” snacks such as potato chips, ice cream and cookies.

But is organic junk food more healthful? Not necessarily. You’ll often see the same list of potentially unhealthy ingredients on organic product labels as you will on conventional snack labels. For example, organic chips which are made with organically grown potatoes can still be loaded with sodium, and they will drive up blood pressure just as efficiently as conventional chips.

According to Sandra Woodruff, RD, organic junk food is still junk food. A pint of super-premium organic ice cream can have 1,000 - 2,000 calories and more saturated fat than you should eat in two days. That’s no better than super-rich non-organic snacks.

The US Department of Agriculture has stringent rules for the use of the word “organic.” Food manufacturers are not allowed to use most conventional pesticides or synthetic fertilizers, antibiotics or growth hormones, but those rules don’t necessarily mean that the product is healthful. If a food is high in sodium, saturated fat or sugar, limit your intake. Choose organics that list wholesome, minimally processed ingredients such as cookies made with whole grain flour rather than white flour or a snack made with liquid vegetable oil instead of a saturated fat such as palm kernel oil. It’s up to you to know that the organic label doesn’t always tell the whole story.



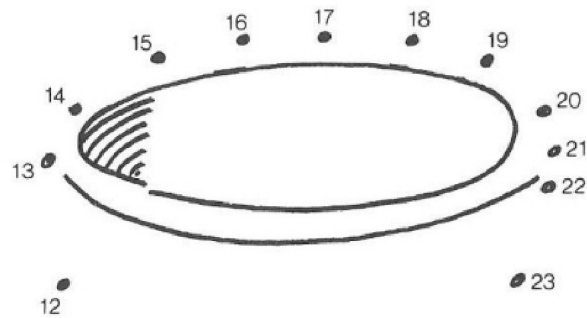
# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ages 7-12

Q. When do you hear words like these in worship? ➡

A. When you celebrate the Lord's Supper — Communion.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,...whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me."



Connect the dots.  
Fill in the blanks.



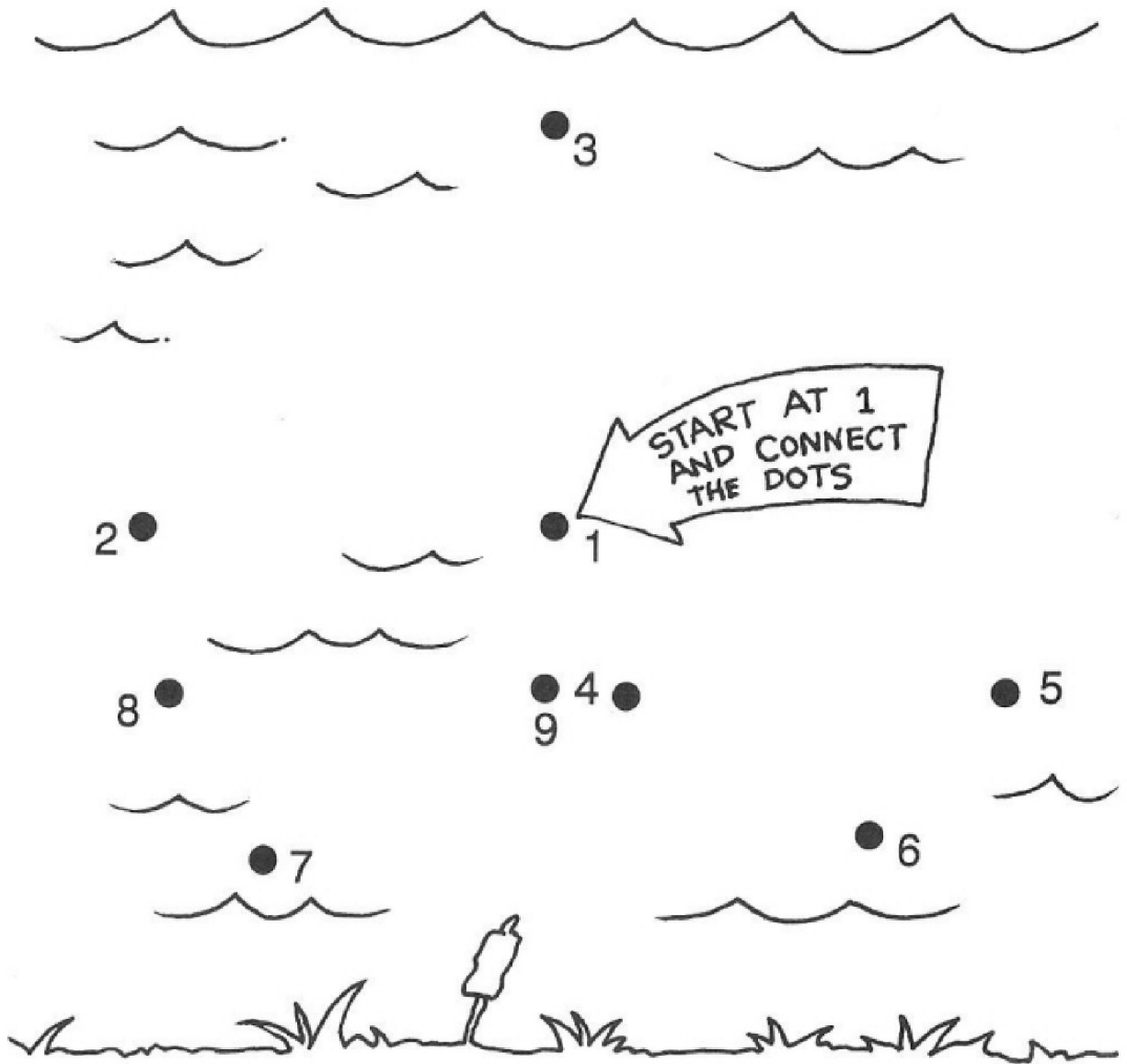
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# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ages 3-6



Jesus took His friends to a quiet place.  
How did they get there?