



PRAYER REQUESTS

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- **Mark McCollum, Reagan Kenyon, Pam Richard's Parents, Sasha Tompkins & La Donna Gammill** all need your prayers as they continue to seek great results.
- **Bobbye Wright** had a serious fall and is in the hospital in Albuquerque. Keep this dear sister in your prayers.
- Beverly and Clifford Gunn, Robyn Drake, Judy Roybal, JO Vick, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Larry Reeder, Koben Puckett, are all in need of prayers.

Announcements

- **Baccalaureate** is tonight at **6 PM** in the **main gym** at the school. Please come support our graduates, **Meagan and McKayla**.
- **Graduation** will be at **7 PM** at the main gym on **Friday evening, May 25th**.
- **Mark McCollum** has prostate cancer and also has some additional cancer in his spine. He will be undergoing some highly aggressive treatment during the week and then be home on the weekends.
- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at **7 PM** to continue our study of history of the church.
- **Pam Richard's** father is not doing well

in his battle against cancer and could use some extra prayers.

- We donated \$3,000 to Eastern European Missions; \$700 to Miguel to help build a fence around his house; \$5,600 to the Children's Home for beef; \$2,500 to Satish to help with the church building; and \$2,000 to support an AIM student, Carla Wall, who will be going to South Africa on her mission.

Benevolence Update

We are collecting **Kool-aid & Cereal** for the Portales Christian Children's Home this month. As we joked last week, this is the breakfast of champions :-)

Silas Shotwell will bring the lesson today

Men Serving this Month

- **Announcements:** Tom Oliver
- **Scripture:**
- **Song Service:** Mark McCollum

Happy Birthday

May 20— Lee Foster

May 26— GA Gunn

Anniversaries—

None this week

Calendar of Events

TODAY— Baccalaureate, 6 PM at the school main gymnasium. Our congregation needs to provide some cookies for this reception.

May 25— Graduation, 7 PM at the school main gymnasium

May 28— Memorial Day Holiday

June 3— Pot Luck Sunday

June 6— Cowboy Camp Meeting at the Community House

Take No Thought? by Tom Norvell

Once upon a time there was a man. Most, if not all, the people in the community considered him a good man. He was well liked, respected, and many, if not all, considered it an honor to know him. He was a good businessman. You could mention his name in the business world and most, if not all, would recognize his name and acknowledge what a good businessman he was. He was fair, honest, and compassionate.

This man was very involved in his spiritual community as well. In fact, he was a leader. When "Brother ..." was mentioned heads nodded in agreement that he was indeed a good and righteous man. He taught classes, he would regularly take part in the public assemblies, and anytime a brother needed advice or assistance on a project this good man was ready to help. He offered wise and sensible counsel and was capable of helping on almost every project that came along.

This was a good family man. He loved his wife and they had three very handsome and fine sons who married three very pretty and fine young ladies. They all had children who of course were very fine and beautiful children. As you would expect this man was a wonderful grandfather and his daughters-in-law loved him as if he were their own father. From all outward appearances this man was a really good man, he was respected in the community, admired by his fellow church members, and loved by his family. He was a very good man.

What no one knew, other than this man and God, is that he had a problem. Not a bad problem. In fact, some, if not all, would not consider it a problem at all. Although the problem was real it is often excused because after all, "We are only human. It's just being responsible and a good steward." You see this man was a worrier.

He worried about everything. He worried about his business. He worried about his church. He worried about his family. He worried about how the ups and downs of the economy would affect his business, his family, and his church. He worried about how worrying about his business might affect his family and his church. He worried about how worrying might affect his health. He worried about what would happen to his business, his church and his family if he stopped worrying about them. After all, he was the only one who really cared about his business, his church, and his family. He reasoned that if did not worry about his business, his church, and his family, then who would worry about it. He fully believed that worrying about his business, his church, and his family was his responsibility. That is who he was. That is how he functioned.

When others were not around and when no one could see him, he worried. He worried as he drove to work. He worried when he was alone in his office. He worried when he drove to lunch meetings. He worried when he laid down in his bed. He worried when he woke up in the wee hours of the night. He worried when he got up in the morning. He even worried when he closed his eyes to pray. He worried a lot.

Then, he read the words of Jesus. The words of Jesus began to make sense. He heard the preacher say it, but he had to read it for himself. After hearing the sermon he read the words for himself in several different versions.

First, he read Jesus' words from the New International Version:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25 NIV)

The phrase that caught his eye? This one: "Take no thought ..." "Wow!" he thought to himself, "Jesus is talking about me. He is telling me to stop worrying. Jesus is telling me that if I am going to follow him, like I want to, I can 'take no thought' about tomorrow, or my food, or my clothes, or about what may or may not happen with my business tomorrow (or next year), or what may happen with my church (over the next five years), or what will happen to my family tomorrow (or next week)."

Jesus' words convicted this man. The words of Jesus changed this man's thinking, and more importantly they changed his heart. He confessed his life-long habit of worrying. He began to turn things over to God ... really turn them over to God. He began to trust God with his business, he began to trust God with his church, and he began to trust God with his family. For the first time in a very long time he enjoyed his drive to and from work, he enjoyed his time alone, he enjoyed sleeping at night, and he enjoyed living one day at a time. He learned to take no thought in tomorrow. And when he did, he learned that he could breathe again.

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