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# Talk



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My oldest champion. The person who knew me the longest and still loved me thoroughly. The person who always knew I could achieve more, reach higher. The person whose countenance and embrace I miss more than I have words to express!

My mother.

Surely God worked it out eons ago that Billie and Pam would become mother and daughter, and that the two would know each other so well that words were almost unnecessary. Surely, God planned it that Billie would be the first one to show Pam His love and then that each would benefit from that love being tossed back and forth between them.

A mother's love for her children is, indeed, something 'other-worldly.' By design, that love shows us how God loves us—only *much more so*. When you understand the depth of a mother's love you recognize that is an incredible statement to make.

I sincerely hope and pray you had a mother or a mother-figure like that in your life. And, in turn, that you have been a mother like that.

Yes, Mother's Day is a made-up holiday, but we can still use it to express our love and gratitude to someone who richly deserves it.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the City gate."

Prov. 31:28f  
—Pt

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Happy Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>! Praise God, Mothers, for all your loving thoughtfulness. May you always be guided by the love you have felt from our Lord.



Get your vaccine soon and come back to Church. We miss you.



Terri Moore is planning a workshop for information and introspection on forgiveness called Be Brand New on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. It sounds like it is going to be a great gathering. Please plan to join us!



Please remember to pray for: our 1st responders who have been 'on the front line' for all of us throughout this pandemic; Lillie Glenn who has just returned home from the hospital with a bout of COVID; John Moore's brother Jackie is still not doing well; Bettye Campbell's son-in-law & granddaughter who are recovering from liver surgery; Agnes Lucas' great nephew, 2 year old Micah who has leukemia; Phillip Hawkins (grandson of Tom & Darlene) who has COVID; Marylean Warren's friend's sister who died suddenly; and Linda Campbell who lost her sister last week. All these people deserve our attention in prayer so that their burdens may be eased.

A Ladies Class will be starting up on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. ***Ladies, please come out for this.*** We had such a great time in our old Ladies Class that was on Wednesday nights, and I am sure we will enjoy that same comradery again! For information contact Portia Mason.

A Mother's Creed

- I will worry less about my children and trust God more.
- I will commit them into Lord's care.
- I will love my children unconditionally and let them know I do.
- I will believe in them constantly and encourage them often.
- I will pray for them daily.
- I will teach them responsibility for their own actions.
- I will try to be an example of godliness, but I will be unafraid to let them see my faults.
- I will give them generous doses of laughter, interspersed with fun.
- I will release them when they are grown but they will always be my own.



Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

of interest...

PRAYER — ONE OF  
THE MOST POWER-  
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GIVES US

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**D**o we really *know* that? Do we *believe* that prayer is the one of the most powerful tools God has given us?

We often (sometimes only?) pray when life gets tough or scary. Jesus did that in the garden when He prayed, “please take this cup from me.” Mark 14:36

However, the gospels are full of times, like in Mark 1:35, when Jesus went off just to pray. Jesus’ habit

was to go off to a ‘solitary’ place and talk to his Father. Perhaps he prayed for his disciples, the people he’d healed the night before, for his own strength and perseverance. In many occasions we do not know exactly what He prayed. The lasting example for us is not necessarily *what* he prayed for but that *he prayed often*. That is our perfect example. We should be talking to God often about anything and everything and not just requests but praise too!

If you can, try to carve out some time daily to speak to God in prayer. There are so many things that require prayer, and if we are not praying we are wasting one of the most powerful tools God has given us to

manage this life. After all, speaking directly to the Creator of all life and of everything you see around you is a mighty privilege.

Prayer connects us intimately with our God. We can speak to Him as a dear friend, a father, as one who loves us (warts and all), and as one who wants to see us succeed as His child.

Here is a guide that may help. Kip shared this with me from the *Daily Heartlight* emails he gets.

Weekly Prayer Calendar:

Sunday — Salvation:

Pray for those who need to come to Jesus and those who are trying to lead them to Jesus.

Monday — Missionaries and Ministers:

Those who are in leadership in our groups — don't think only of clergy, but anyone who leads a ministry or is involved in missions, church planting, elder-care, poverty relief, foster care, and para-church organizations.

Tuesday — Troubled:

Those facing difficulties like illnesses, mental and emotional problems, those who are persecuted and oppressed, those who have been wounded by life, or who are sick and bereaved.

Wednesday — Witness:

Pray for your own life to be a witness to those God has placed in your circle of influence and pray for each of these people.

Thursday — Thanksgiving:

Do not ask for anything this day but spend time in the Psalms finding words of thanksgiving and praise for God and offer them to God with your own words of thanksgiving and praise.

Friday — Friends & Family:

This is pretty self-explanatory, but anything your friends and family needs or anything that brings you joy and thanksgiving.

Saturday — Self:

Pray for your own walk with God and whatever needs you may have, especially for your need for spiritual renewal and rest.

Phil Ware, *Daily Heartlight*, 3/25/2021

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Mark 11:24

### BELIEVE

Although the sun may be hidden by dark clouds today and the days may be rainy — just *believe* that it is shiny and there are no clouds. *Believe* that God loves you and you are dear to Him. *Believe* that one day the clouds will roll away, and there will be a rainbow of happiness waiting for you — and me too.



—Ella Hopkins

**Prisoners currently in our Ministry:** Jose Agosto, Michael Bell, Terrance R. Boyd, Larry Duncan, Dean Dupont, Glen T. Evans Sr., Michaellyn Hutchins, Israel D. King, Christopher Konkel, Albert Lacy, Derrick Lartdale, Latrina Lewis, Chris Love, Scott Markel, Ralphonzo Martin, Bradley Mason, Thomas McCarthy Sr., Leon Napier, Lakiesha Phillips, Melvin Reardon Jr., Antonio Spates, Thomas E. Stephens, George Weaver, and Timothy Wilson. **Also, for those released—** Kenneth Anderson, Nicholas Bowers, Greg Breville, Tony Campbell, Alfred Cleveland, Leonardo Frazier, Emmanuel Gonzales, Willard Hall, Tyrell Havergne, Keith Hume, Mark Slay-

ton, Jewell Trischler.



It is a terribly hard thing to have to live in prison. Please pray for those that find themselves there.

God loves them just as He does you and me.

DID YOU KNOW that Jesus prayed for you and me? Thousands of years ago He said this to God in a prayer for His disciples:

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:20-21

Did you catch that, “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...” — hey, that’s US, guys! Jesus prayed for you and me to be one with God, the father. How cool is that? —Pt

How did you do with last month’s question in FKO? The correct answer is 111. Hope you had fun getting the right answer. Good luck on the one for this month.



*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.*

—C.S. Lewis



for kids only...

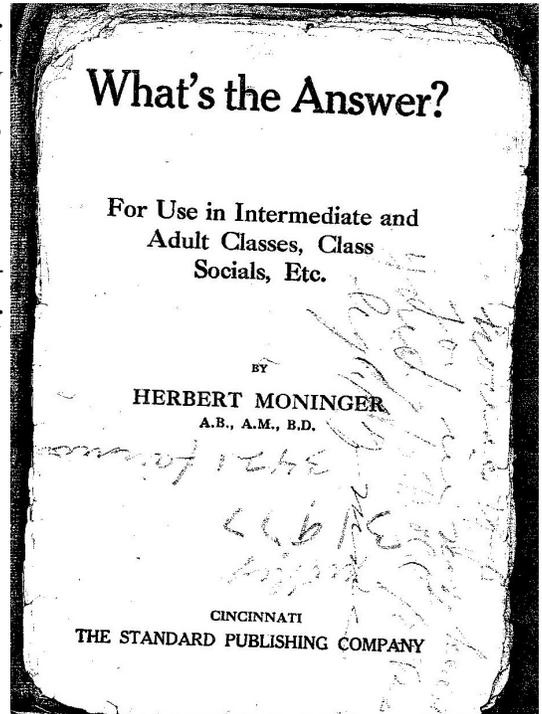
Ok, are you ready for another challenge from this Sunday School book from 113 years ago?

Put on your thinking cap — no cheating — grab your Bible — now GO!

Quiet please, I'm thinking.



Disregard these notations in the margins; they might be wrong!



5' law

$$\frac{2}{7}$$

$$\frac{2}{2}$$

$$\frac{14}{9}$$

$$\frac{28}{28}$$

### PROBLEM TWO

"How many books did the major prophets write?" Alfred asked his Bible-school teacher. The teacher replied: "If to the number of books of the Law in the Old Testament you add the number of books in the New Testament written by Peter; multiply that by the number of books written by Luke; multiply that by the number of letters in the name of the great river of Egypt; subtract the number of letters in the river near Babylon; subtract the number of letters in the name of the city of Chaldea from which Abraham was called, and divide by the first chapter in Acts that contains a record of Paul's conversion, you will have the number of books written by the major prophets."

**What's the Answer?**

$$\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{7}{2}$$

$$\frac{14}{4}$$

$$\frac{5}{9}$$

$$\frac{4}{4}$$

$$97$$



Here they want the chapter number



Good job, Bud!  
Why, thank you kindly..



## recipe...

### Old Fashioned Fudge

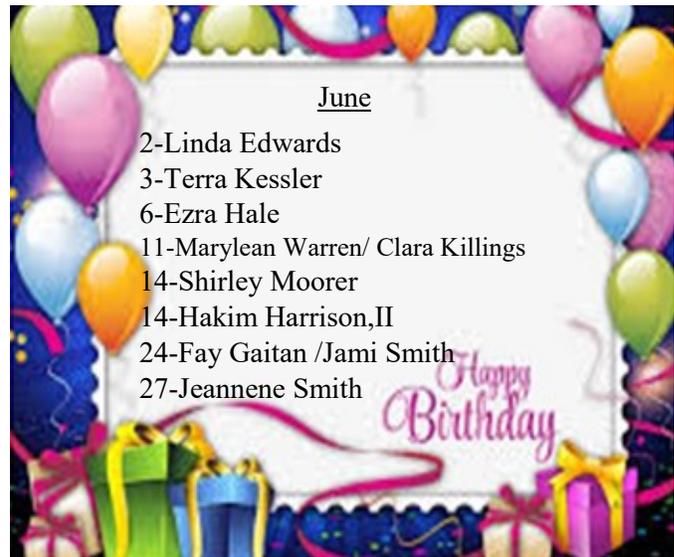
- 3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup Hershey's cocoa
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups whole milk
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Butter an 8 or 9-inch square pan, set aside. In heavy 4-quart sauce pan combine sugar, cocoa and salt, stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a full rolling boil. Boil without stirring until mixtures come to 234°F (soft ball stage) or until syrup dropped into very cold water forms a soft ball which flattens when removed from water. Remember the bulb of the candy thermometer should not touch the bottom of the pan. Remove from heat, add butter and vanilla. Do not stir. Cool at room temperature to 110°F. (Lukewarm) Beat with wooden spoon until fudge thickens and loses from its gloss. Quickly spread into prepared pan. Cool. Cut into squares. Makes about 3 dozen squares.

This is the fudge my grandmother and mother made and our family absolutely loved it. Making this fudge is not easy, but if you're game you will make something your mouth will delight in! I have made this fudge several times over the years and I'll admit it's been a challenge. It used to be printed on the back of all Hershey cocoa tins. —Pt

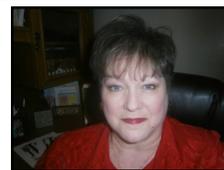
## birthdays...



### June

- 2-Linda Edwards
- 3-Terra Kessler
- 6-Ezra Hale
- 11-Marylean Warren/ Clara Killings
- 14-Shirley Mooror
- 14-Hakim Harrison, II
- 24-Fay Gaitan /Jami Smith
- 27-Jeannene Smith

Have a wonderful, fabulous, fun, and happy birthday!



I want to hear what you have discovered, what you're up to — just anything inspirational or uplifting. Write it up in some way and get it to me by: handing it to me at church, putting it in my box outside the church office, snail mail it to me at home, or email me at [pthorn50@roadrunner.com](mailto:pthorn50@roadrunner.com). Thanks, all. Can't wait to hear from you. —Pam

## good news...

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. James 3:13

☞Our mission: to love like Jesus, to serve like Jesus and to teach others to do the same☞