

What You Can Do to Get Prepared

Deal With Your Hidden Issues

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God's Love and Mercy

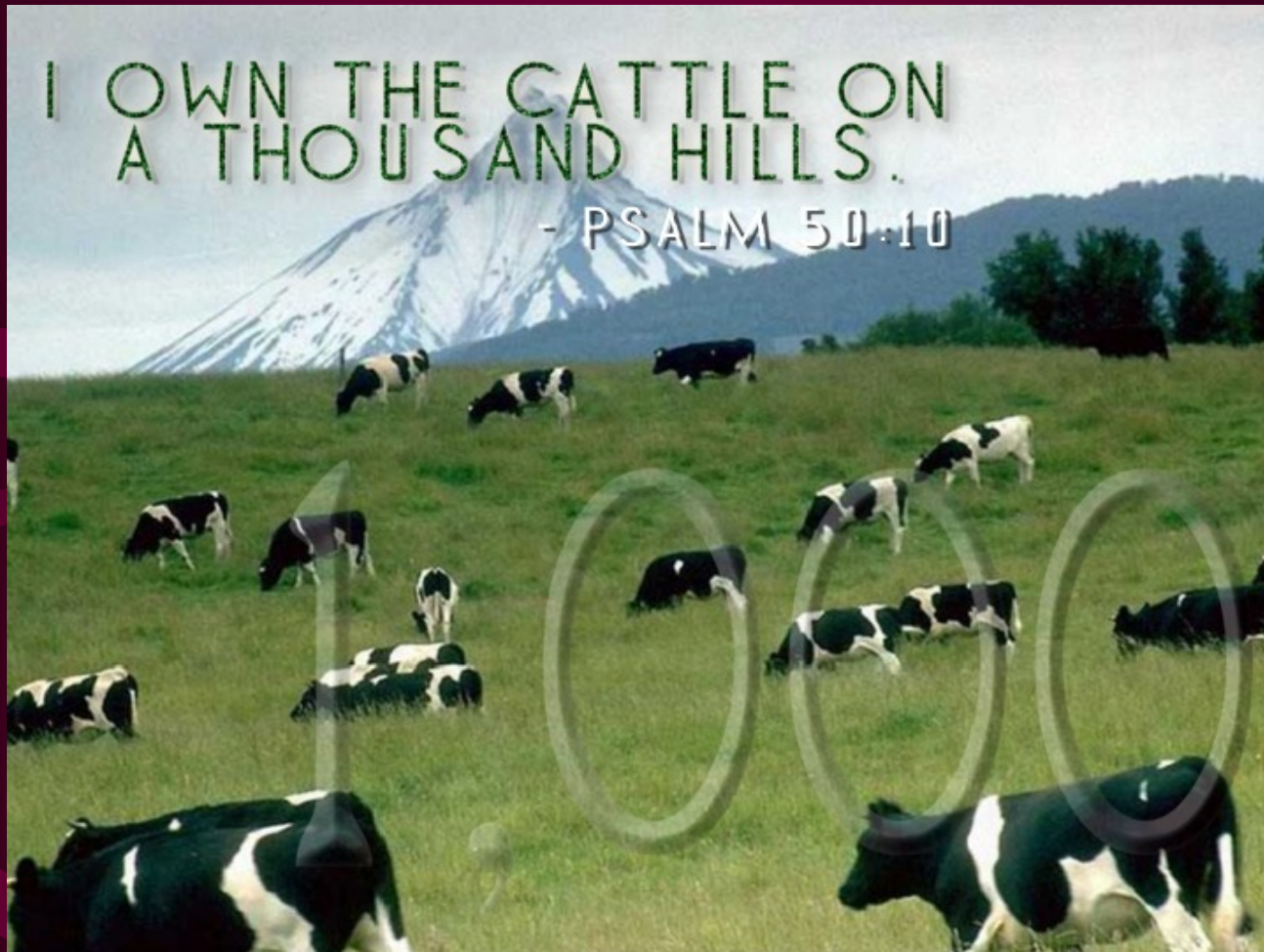
Lamentations 3:22-23 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; "they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ESV



"We have seen His glory..."

John 1:14

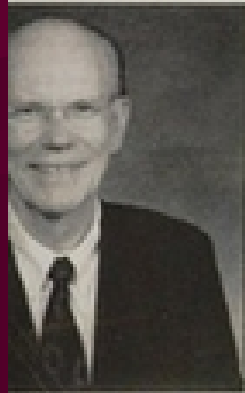
God never runs out of anything.



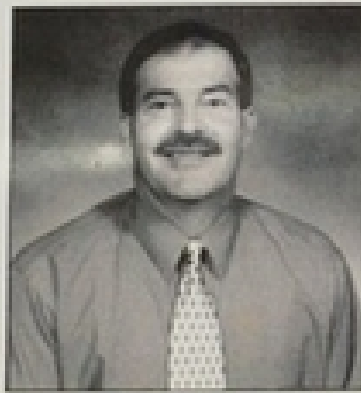




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I. Who's Who In Our Story?

A. Our view of God

- **Isaiah 46:9-11** "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, "declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand...I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.'" ESV
- **Deuteronomy 31:8** "It is the Lord who goes ahead of you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.'" ESV

B. Our View of the Enemy

- **John 8:44** "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." ESV

B. Our View of the Enemy

- **Hebrews 2:14-18** "through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, "and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. "For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps (people) "For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." ESV

C. Our View of Humankind

- **John 2:24** "But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people" ESV
- **Romans 7:24-25** "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin." ESV

The Treasure and the Pearl

- **Matthew 13:44-45** "“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ”“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." NASB95

II. Where Hope Begins

- **John 4:10** "Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'" ESV
- **John 8:12** "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" "

III. Real Hope for Real People

A. Deal With Fear

- **Psalm 56:3-6** "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. "In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? "All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. "They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life." ESV
- **Psalm 56:9-13** "Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. "In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, "in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? "I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. "For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life." ESV

Deal With Fear

- **2 Timothy 1:7** "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear), but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." NIV

B. Speak the Truth – Face the Truth

- **Ephesians 4:15** "but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ...Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. " NASB95

C. Deal With Anger –

Keep Short Accounts

- **Ephesians 4:26-27** "Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, "and do not give the devil an opportunity. " NASB95

Control Your Tongue

- **James 1:19-20** "everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; "for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. "

D. Deal With Unfinished Business

- **Hebrews 12:15** "See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;" ESV

A. Deal With Hurt – Keep Short Accounts



Disciples = Learners

- **Matthew 11:29** "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." ESV
- **Matthew 28:20** "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV