

***Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1Samuel 15:22***

At the word of the Prophet of God, King Saul had attacked the Amalekites. God had given them a great victory. There was good reason to celebrate. The Amalekites had been a thorn in the side of Israel for a long time. But, that's where the story begins to unravel.

You see, Samuel had given the instructions from the LORD that every one was to be put to the sword, every man, woman, child, even the livestock were devoted to destruction. But, Saul had what seemed at the time to be a better idea. Saul decided to keep a portion of the livestock alive. He kept the King of the Amalekites alive.

Samuel arrives on the scene full of indignation and angry that Saul has not followed the instructions from the Lord. And, that's where verse 22 comes into play. He calls it as he sees it. What is this bleating of sheep, lowing of oxen? Explain yourself Saul. Saul promptly made his excuses, blamed the people... and waited.

Jesus has done everything for us. He has won the victory. That's right, the final battle has been fought and won. Through Christ Jesus, we are the victors.

Not only that, but God has given us His own Holy Spirit the Spirit of Jesus to live within us. He further gives us the Gift of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Spirit to empower us to do works of service. He has done everything for us, and He has done that everything well.

He has showered us with His love, His mercy, His grace. Every day he pours out his blessings on us. He has blessed us with every spiritual gift. He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. That means this is not just pie in the sky, bye and bye, it is for the here and now as well.

So, why do we have so much trouble with this big word, obedience? Why is it so hard to follow the leading of the Spirit? It's not like there are a lot of rules. Love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Obey and honor the civil authorities. Abstain from sexual immorality, meats offered to idols, meats from strangled animals, meat not properly slaughtered and bled. The apostles certainly made it easy for us gentiles.

Not that I'm such a great man of God that I have the right to judge anyone. I'm not and don't. Yet the Word of God, the Spirit of God Himself would ask each of us to examine our own heart and ask the question.

Why is it such a difficult thing to obey?

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## The power of the tongue

by Pastor Billy Canipe

### Does it matter what we say?

Proverbs 18:21 *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”* When we say God is good all the time, we really can believe He is. God always wants us to succeed. He desires as is said in 3<sup>rd</sup> John 2:4 *“Beloved I pray that you prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”* When we believe God wants us to have success it infuses faith in us that God is on our side.

Another part of the power of confession is found in Mathew 12:34 *“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasures brings forth evil things.”* We must gauge ourselves by listening to what we talk about. If our conversation is uplifting then that is our focus. If our words tear down then that is our focus. Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

In the story of David and Goliath, David believed God was with him and that God would strengthen him to defeat Goliath. Other people feared for David and spoke this to him. David spoke out of the abundance of his heart. The belief in his heart led to his confession followed by his actions. God used David to bring deliverance to Israel.

Thank you Jesus for providing for everything that pertains to our life. Hallelujah!

I love you!



**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
6:00-7:30PM @ JOY

Please come for an exciting, spirit-filled Bible study as we join Perry Stone's Hixon, Tennessee conference on DVD. You will be challenged in your thinking and grow leaps and bounds in your spiritual walk. The spirit of God is not limited by time or space. Come and join us as we enter in as if we are in the conference room. Amazingly, the Holy Spirit meets us – right here in Aurora!



**March 31, 2011** — On Thursday, March 24, 2011, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit the nation of Myanmar. The temblor's epicenter was just north of the Thai border and the city of Tachilek, where a great spiritual harvest has been taking place with over 80 Foursquare churches planted in the past 10 years.

Foursquare leaders and others in the area report that there is some damage in Thailand and Tachilek. The village of Tarlay, however, has suffered severe damage, with many homes and much of the town destroyed.

Four Foursquare churches have been badly damaged or destroyed and will need to be rebuilt. One pastor and several other church members were injured, and there are reports that one couple may have died. Many people have lost their homes, and a large number of people are sleeping in the streets and open fields as a result of aftershocks.

There is an immediate need for food and basic supplies for those who have been affected by this tragedy. Please join the Foursquare family in prayer for:

The people of Myanmar who have been affected by the earthquake.

Needed resources and aid to get to those who need it most at this time.

**Youth Reboot**

As the new department heads of the JOY Youth group Mike and Tasha Gonzales will be starting back up Youth services every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. The first service will begin April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions about this please feel free to ask Mike or Tasha.

**Come celebrate Matt & Kevi's Wedding**

*Matt and Kevi would like to welcome all who would like to attend to come to their wedding.*

*The ceremony will take place Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.*

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**I Chronicles 16:27-29**

**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Birthdays**

Brenda Kath April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cory Dickinson April 17<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries**

Charles & Beverly Fehlberg April 10

**The Passion Play**

April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
7:00PM  
Church in the City  
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