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Is It All Right To Tell God Off?

In the movie *Forrest Gump* there is a scene in which Captain Dan, a Vietnam vet who lost both legs in the war, rails against and challenges God to a showdown as the boat he is on faces a hurricane. Later we see him calmly swimming in the ocean and are told that Captain Dan “made his peace with God”. In his book “*The Purpose Driven Life*”, while discussing being “authentic” with God, Rick Warren, after quoting Exodus 33:12-17 from the Message paraphrase (which is a very poor and arrogant rendering of that passage) asks and answers the question, “Can God handle that kind of frank, intense honesty from you? Absolutely.”

But it's really not a question of what God can handle, is it? It is a question of what is right. No one in the Bible “told God off” with as much foolish pride and to the extent that Job did. After God asked him a series of questions that left him dumbfounded this was Job's reply,

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:2-6). In Romans 9:20 The Message paraphrase actually does a pretty good job of getting the point across—“Do you for one moment suppose any of us knows enough to call God into question?”

People have always had a problem with thinking more highly of themselves and their opinions than they ought. We'd do well to remember our place when we approach God in prayer and do so in a spirit of humility and reverence instead of audacity and pride. Solomon warned, “Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-3)

Brad Fry
North Oak Church of Christ
Mineral Wells, Tx



Please Pray For...

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

Jeremiah Gayheart (7 yrs old) has an inoperable brain tumor.

Betty Smith (Millie Lemon's sister) has been moved to Heartland.

Pauline Hilt (Derria Kelly's mother) had surgery on Monday in Columbus to remove cancer from the lymph gland in her throat. Two other suspicious spots are being tested for possible malignancy.

Doug Hampton (Marcie Royster's uncle) had a tumor removed this week, but the doctors are not sure if they were able to get it all.

Wanda Coriell will be interviewed on March 18 at OSU for a possible kidney transplant. We are praying that she will qualify.

Jennie Crawford (Rick and Marta Brown's daughter in North Carolina) has a due date around March 6. Prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby.

Kenny Shumway (Carol Conkel's brother in Indiana) is being treated for a serious kidney condition.

Praise Report: Alex Cram is much improved and was scheduled to come home Saturday. He will be isolated for a few weeks until he regains all of his strength.

Heidi Blackburn (Gary Blackburn's wife) has been diagnosed with cancer of the liver.

Tammy Edwards (friend of June Book's sister), mid 30[s, mother of 4 small children, breast cancer and possible spread to the bone.

Welcome Visitors!

We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that if you are seeking Christ you will find Him here. If sorrowing you will receive comfort, if troubled in spirit you will gain the blessing of peace, if discouraged you will rejoice in hope, if friendless you will find companionship and Christian love. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

Congratulations

To Sam Miller and family. Sam is engaged to be married to Clara Ann Tolbert of Sciotoville sometime this summer.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Mildred Rockwell** who passed away last weekend. Her funeral was Tuesday at Erwin-Dodson-Allen. Mildred was mother to Donna Gleim.

(I apologize for not getting this information to you sooner. I know that many of you would have gone to the funeral home to see her and Glenn if you had known. Steve)

Farewell

In a few weeks **Cloteen Creekbaum** will be moving to Cincinnati to live. Right now it appears that March 7 will be her last Sunday to be with us (except for visits). Be sure to check in with Cloteen over the next few weeks and bid her farewell.

*The world with its lust
passes away, but he who does
the will of God remains forever.*
1 John 2:17

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

Mar. 7 - **Sunday P.M. Home Groups** begin
Mar. 14 - Youth Committee Meeting
Mar. 20 - **Ironton Youth Rally**
Apr. 3 - **Woodsfield Youth Rally**
Apr. 23-25 - **Sunshine Youth Retreat**
Jun. 18-21 - **Jr. Impact**
Jun. 21-25 - **Sr. Impact**
Jun. 28 - Jul. 2 - **VBS**
Jul. 11-16 - **Sunshine @ Fort Hill Camp**

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday	Wednesday
2/22 Rev-Intro	2/25 1 Kgs 7
2/29 Rev 21-22	

Directory Update

Shaun and Derria Kelly recently moved into their house in Minford. Here is their new address and phone number. Please add this new information to your directory:

Kelly, Shaun & Derria

Teen Devo

Tuesday, 6:30 pm at Terry and Debbie's house.

Home Group Sign Up Begins

Today we have our pads laid out in the foyer to begin the sign up process for the Sunday PM Home Group Meetings. The meetings will run from March 7 through April 4, 5 nights in all. We will be using Willard Tate's **Habits of a Loving Heart** (Lesson's 6-10) as a basis for the group discussion and Bible study. Pick out a home where you have never been before and sign up to be there for this special time. If any of you men would be willing to serve as a co-leader in one of the groups, please sign the Leader Pad on the same table.

Skit Practice

Attention: Lord's Army! There will be skit practice every Wednesday at 5 p.m. from now until our performance at Woodsfield.

Ironton Youth Rally

A group will be going to the Ironton Youth Rally on March 20. See Terry for more info.

Youth Committee Meeting

Members of the youth committee, don't forget we will be meeting Sunday, March 14th. If you committed to doing something, be sure to get it done before we meet.

Surveys

If you are interested in our youth in any way, either hosting a devo, helping with events, providing food, or anything else, please fill out one of the surveys in the foyer and turn it in to Terry.

Signup For Impact

We don't want to get shut out of registrations like we did last year, so if you're planning to go, sign up **NOW!** Signup sheets for Jr. and Sr. Impact are in the foyer. We will be sending in our registrations very soon, don't miss out on the fun! For more information, see Terry or Scott.

Winterfest Update

Fifty-four teens, college age and young adults left Friday morning at 6:10 from the parking lot to go to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for Winterfest. They are due to get back from their trip this evening around church time (6:30 pm).

Sunday PM Services

This evening we will be having a singing devotional.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Wine
Bread
Assist
Assist
Assist
Assist
Message
Closing Prayer

February 22

Revelation—Intro
Tom Kelley
Scott Gampp
Ryan Coriell
Rick Brown
Terry Sullivan
Mike Coriell
Steve Williams
Chuck Allison
Dale Gampp
Ike Hardin
Steve Miller
Eldon Conkel

February 29

Revelation 21-22
Harry Woodworth
Shaun McCray
Alan Graff
Rich Book
Jason Coriell
Jamie Riley
Matt Cram
Barry Gampp
John Gampp
Barry Hayward
Steve Miller
Gabe Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Bud Coriell
John Berry
Dewey Cordle
Mike Gampp

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jon Coriell
Gary Glispie
1 Kings 7

Zach Coriell
Greg Coriell
Mark Gampp
Aaron Kallner

Aaron McCray
Caleb Miller

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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