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CREATIVITY | CLASS | CHARACTER

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## Greetings, Viewer!

It is with great delight that I welcome you. Just in case you stumbled upon this PDF and don't know exactly what it is you are viewing or who it is that is writing to you, please allow me to illuminate a few things. My name is Mark Carnehl, and somehow my graphic design portfolio has landed in your possession. Truly, it would be an honor for me if you would take some time to peruse the contents of this document.

The goal of this portfolio is to give you a glimpse into my work as a graphic designer and in addition, to give you some insight into the type of person I am. I desire my work to be marked by three core qualities: Creativity, Class, & Character. To the right are the definitions of these qualities and how they apply to my work specifically.

CREATIVITY *krē-ā'tivitē* n.
the use of the imagination or original ideas,
especially in the production of an artistic work.

Great graphic design necessitates creativity, but unharnessed creativity can certainly lead to nonsense. I certainly desire for my work to push boundaries and be imaginative, but I always want it to be channeled to the end goal. I have found that creativity reaches greater potential and is refined by the work of a team.

CLASS *klas* adj. (Informal).
of high quality, integrity, status, or style.

It may seem like an aspiration of old, however I have the deep desire for the work that I do to be done with excellence and uncompromised integrity. I want all that I do to showcase a truthfulness. When people view my work, I want them to get a sense of the richness and prestige of days-gone-by, but without the work appearing outdated.

CHARACTER *'kariktər* adj.
strength and originality in a person's nature,
a person marked by notable or conspicuous traits.

"A man of high character" is a phrase that few esteem or live up to in this generation, but I want every moment of my life to be marked with a strength and perseverance of soul. My goal is for my work to convey that same quality and originality.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to look over my work, and I hope you enjoy it.

## Education and Qualifications

2011-2012 | Ellerslie Discipleship Training | Windsor, CO

2009-2011 | California State University Long Beach | Long Beach, CA

2005-2009 | Fullerton College | Fullerton, CA

2001-2005 | Integrity Christian School | Yorba Linda, CA

## Skills

Creative programs include:

Indesign

Illustrator

Photoshop

Wordpress Website Design & Build

Extensive knowledge of both PC and Mac platforms

Word, Excel, and e-mail applications

## Reference

References are available on request.

# LOGO DESIGN

Edelweiss Clean & Bright Housekeeping

REBRAND OF LOCAL CLEANING COMPANY

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HIGH END IN HOME PRODUCE GROWING APPLIANCE

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Men's Conference Design Theme
2016 CAMPAIGN GRAPHICS

# ALBUM ART

## DESIGN

### 1. ALL THINGS TO ME

I once was entangled by sin and by shame
Deserving of death and of judgment and pain
The vilest offender of God's Holy Law
The coldest of hearts that no fire could thaw
I surely must perish, I surely must die
Oh Who can save me my feeble heart cried

That's when I saw Him bearing all of my blame
The Lion of Judah, like a Lamb which was slain
On Calvary's cross where the wrath was outpoured
The earth's greatest battle was won by the Word
I fled to the Savior, like a captive set free
His death gave me life and His blood pleads for me

Now in tempests and trials my soul is secured
I'm anchored in Jesus, and my heart is assured
That no weapon that's fashioned against me will stand
That Christ reigns forever at the Father's right hand
And nothing in heaven, the earth or the sea
Can now separate me from Heaven's High King

So now I watch and I wait for the Savior on high
to rip open the heavens and descend from the sky
My life is devoted to the Ancient of Days
Though its a vapor may it still bring Him praise
When my life cord is cut and earth's journey is done
Oh glory indeed, for heaven's only begun

After ten thousand years in eternity's light
I'll still weep for joy at the glorious might
of His living, and dying and rising again
to His heavenly Kingdom that will never end
forever and ever this will still be my plea
that Jesus the Righteous is all things to me

### 2. GOD MOST HIGH

You dwell in light so bright,
it pierces the darkest place
You sit enthroned on high,
upholding the worlds by Your word
There is none like You,
there never was and never will be

God most high, God most high
The Father of Light the Giver of life
The perfect Lamb and offering
The saints and angels sing
Glory to our King God most high

Your strength endures all time,
You have no beginning or end
Your thoughts are high above,
surpassing all we comprehend
You are high above, You always were and ever will be

with Your voice of thunder fill the earth with wonder
You bring all things under, Your great command

### 3. CALVARY'S LAW

While Sinai's law was great indeed
and showed to me my soul's great need
there, crimson, shines a mount of awe
and freedom's found in Calv'ry's Law
yes freedom's found in Calv'ry's Law

On Calv'ry's Law and it alone
I place my confidence and hope
That though a sinner I am saved
not by my goodness but by grace
oh not by goodness but by grace

Sing oh sing, ye saints of Heaven
Grace is not earned it's freely given
Oh how great the debt I owed
But greater far the price He paid
it's grace alone by which I'm saved

In light of God's great righteousness
how dark my guilt & arrogance
with no excuse with which to plead
by faith I flee to hide in Thee
by faith I flee to hide in Thee

Oh Calvary's Law is simply this
Cast doubt aside, and cling to grace
trust not the good of thy own hand
and rest thy faith in the Son of Man
I rest my faith in Calv'ry's Lamb

### 4. TO WIN CHRIST

Once all I longed for was all this world could give
Its lusts, its passions and pleasures all short-lived
But since the radiant face of Christ has filled my view
Whatever things were gain to me, I gladly choose to lose

To win Christ is my only aim
To win Christ I spurn all earthly gain
To win Christ I count all things loss
To win Christ I boast only in the cross
That I might win Christ

all the pleasures that this world could ever bring
I'm crucified to them and they are naught to me
and all my sufferings are not to be compared
to the surpassing glory of the Fairest of the fair

All that I have and all that I am and all I could become
I lay it down & I count it as loss
compared to all I have in You
and for now until eternity
I'll be ever only seeking one thing, one thing

### 5. BECAUSE I LOVE YOU

Oh Prince and Ruler of my heart
I know I've only seen a part
of all Your humble agonies
which you endured to rescue me
a thousand hearts would be too few
to fully love & treasure You
but I have just one heart to give
so here it is & may it be Your throne

so whether I live or I die
may this be the chorus of my parting cry

may the passion and the purpose of my life
be summarized in glorifying Christ
You are the overwhelming yearning of my soul
no matter what I must endure I'll gladly go
because I love you Lord, because I love You Lord

I truly long to bring You praise
as I walk the narrow way
so wean my soul of earthly things,
by purging me through pain & suffering

though all the world would mock Your truth
I'll delight to follow You
not like a duty-driven Pharisee
but from a joyful heart that loves You so

### 6. EVERMORE

In every valley I've been through
In every joy and trouble too
No matter my condition or circumstance
You remain forever sure and steadfast
Through all my future, present and past

through all the windings of my way
for the burden of living this day
and for all the trials and triumphs of tomorrow

I can trust the Keeper of the sparrow
to uphold me in gladness, grief, and sorrow.

You were faithful before I ever drew a breath
You are faithful at present, Oh Lord,
And I know even after earth's final day
God You'll be, faithful evermore

Though I can't see far ahead
I will rest in what Your Word has said
that faithful is He who has called me
and what He's begun He's faithful to complete
so from here on out onward is my creed

when death will be swallowed in victory
and my tears will be swept into the sea
and I'll see how you led me so faithfully
and still you'll be, faithful evermore…

### 7. I SHALL NOT BE MOVED (PSALM 62)

You lifted me out of the pit,
and saved me from my plight
And with Your glorious power
you seat me with Christ on high

Now the sun can not harm me by day,
nor the moon by night
You train my hands for war,
and fill me with Your might
The gates of hell cannot prevail,
And neither You nor Your promise can fail

because You are my rock and my salvation
You are the only sure foundation
I shall not be moved, I will not fear
for You are near, and I shall not be moved

Though foes of all kind
seek to steal, kill, hate and destroy
I will not fear their contempt
for You stay me with Your joy
You gird me with strength and
with courage which none can alloy
O Jesus You are unto me a shield against Satan's ploys

MY TERRORS ALL VANISHED BEFORE THE SWEET NAME;
MY GUILTY FEARS BANISHED, WITH BOLDNESS I CAME
TO DRINK AT THE FOUNTAIN, LIFE GIVING AND FREE—
JEHOVAH TSIDKENU IS ALL THINGS TO ME.

All Things to Me

ALBUM COVER ART

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# WEBSITE

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ASCENT BROADBAND

WEBSITE REDESIGN & BUILD

# COLLATERAL
DESIGNS

## Damascus House

BUSINESS CARD, LETTERHEAD, POSTCARD & BROCHURE

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*Creation*

Creation 17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:1-3). And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. … and it was so. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. … And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was

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And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region about (Luke 4:14). From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matt 4:17). And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which was also the traitor (Luke 6:12-16). And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people (Matt 4:23).

And seeing the multitudes, [Jesus] went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: (Matt 5:1). When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law (Gal 4:4, 5a). And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, … Ye

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thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days (Deut 30:19-20a).

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BOOK COVER DESIGN & TYPESETTING

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## The Compassionate Creator

*Israel Wants a King*

PASSAGE

1 Samuel 8-14

BIG IDEA

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
*(Romans 8:6-8 NASB)*

APPLICATION QUESTION

Which is in control of your life: the flesh or the Spirit?

MAIN TEACHING

Samuel, the prophet and judge of Israel, had become old and his sons were not following God. So, all the people of Israel asked Samuel to give them a king. In doing this, the people were actually saying they didn't want God as their king. The Lord chose Saul to be their king and told him to defeat the enemies of Israel, but Saul did not live as a king who obeyed God so the Lord said his kingdom would be taken away. He would find a man to rule who would really love and obey Him.

This is a picture of our own lives, too. God is supposed to be the King and Ruler of our lives and is the only One who is able and willing to defeat our enemies. But we have sinned and decided to not live with God as our king. We choose to live as if we are king instead. This brings defeat and failure, just like it did for Saul. Are you living as if you are the king of your life or with Jesus as your King?

SCHEDULE

Welcome
*5 min*

Main Teaching
*20 min*

Worship
*10 min*

Activity
*15 min*

Application Guide
*35 min*

Mighty Men
David Brainerd
*20 min*

Family Group
*15 min*

SMALL GROUP

WELCOME & MEMORY VERSE

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace
*(Romans 8:6)*

ACTIVITY

Making pretty things with stuff and so forth

APPLICATION GUIDE PROGRESSION

A. The purpose of the ruler of your life: to save from enemies
   a. The nature of God – one who saves
B. Flesh vs. Spirit
   a. One of two things can be in control of your life: you, or God
   b. Sin – wanting control of your life; rejecting God from being King
      i. Separation from God
C. Contrasting the Lord's rule with the flesh's rule
   a. Show the goodness of God; Jesus came to save from sin
D. Exposing flesh on the throne

INTERCESSION PRAYER – MICROPOLYSESIA

Prayer point (Verse reference)





## 5.02 Application Guide A

OVERVIEW

In this lesson we look at the principle of the flesh vs. the Spirit, and which one is in control of your life. The story of Israel asking for a king is a picture of our lives. We have rejected the Lord from being our king, and have chosen to live for our selves with the flesh on the throne. This is sin, and it leads to death. But Christ has made a way for Him to become the king of our lives again, and He promises to actually do what the flesh cannot do: to defeat the enemies of our lives, and bring peace and joy.

Which is in control of your life; the flesh or the Spirit? Have the things of the kingdom of darkness have been defeated in your life?

ILLUSTRATIONS

- Kingdom illustration. If the king is good, he will lead his people in doing good things. But if the king is evil, his kingdom will be evil too. You can tell what kind of king he is by the way his people live.

LESSON

REVIEW

- What are some of the characteristics of the kingdom of God as opposed to the kingdom of darkness?
  - [If you didn't do the Application Guide for Lesson 1, talk about a few specific things here]
- What do the things of the kingdom of darkness lead to?
  - Disablement, destruction and death
  - The kingdom of darkness is your enemy; it wants to keep you from God, who brings life, light, and joy.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RULER OF YOUR LIFE

What does a good king do?

- What did God say the king of Israel was supposed to do?

  ... you shall anoint him commander over My people Israel, **that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines**; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me.

  **1 Samuel 9:16**

THE NATURE OF GOD

***One who saves His people***

**Teaching Thought:**
*Protects, loves, makes laws that are for the good of his people, saves from enemies, teaches and guides, etc.*

- What does God do for His people? Let's look at some verses and see.

  And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for **He will save His people from their sins.**

  **Matthew 1:21**

## FLESH VS. SPIRIT

SIN

Sin is when you are not living like Jesus is King in your life.

- The story about Saul, and Israel asking for a king, is a picture of our lives. We are like Israel, deciding we don't want God as King over us, trying to rule our own lives, and doing whatever we want to do.
- When we live like this, can we please God?

  So then, those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.

  **Romans 8:8**

- Flesh – wanting to please self, doing what ***you*** want. It hates God, and wants to do what He doesn't want you to do (sin).

  For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

  **Romans 7:18**

- Is there anything good that can come from the flesh?
- Where do all the things of the kingdom of darkness come from?
  - A life that is lived obeying sin and choosing your own way.
  - So can you please God? ***No***
- Spirit – the Spirit of God, God's life, wants to please God with your life.
  - It pleases God when we let Jesus live in us through His Spirit. Then because it's Jesus living in us, we act like Him and that pleases and glorifies God (shows what God is).

CONTRAST THE LORD'S RULE WITH THE FLESH'S RULE

- What is it like when flesh is on the throne?
- What is it like when Jesus is on the throne? ***(Refer back to the kingdom of God list from last lesson or use examples from the children's lives.)***
- Do you see how good of a King Jesus is?

**Teaching Thought:**
*Refer back to the kingdom of darkness list from last lesson or use examples from the children's lives*





APPLICATION – FLESH ON THE THRONE

- Which is true in your life? Is the flesh or the Spirit in charge?
- Are you seeing more and more of God's kingdom (Spirit in charge) or the kingdom of darkness (flesh on the throne) in your life?
- Do you remember what Jesus came to do for His people? ***(Matthew 1:21)***
- Do you have to keep living with flesh on the throne?



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# The Conqueror's Peace

BY BEN ZORNES

*This is the third in a series of eleven meditations on the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23 KJV, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." This series of articles begun by revealing the great secret of how we bear the fruit of God's Spirit in our life. The secret? Simply, we can't, but He can! Thus, we humbly abide in a posture of unflinching belief in Him alone, and allow Him to be all that He is in all that we are.*

In surveying the fruits which the Spirit of God produces in a soul that is abiding in the vine of His life, a soothing ointment pours forth when Paul mentions the third fruit; the fruit of peace. The author's challenge in any generation is ensuring that words retain the richness of their meaning and are not whittled down into meaninglessness. Peace is plastered on bumper stickers, touted by world leaders, chanted by new age gurus, fought for by disgruntled college drop-outs (oh, the irony), and cherished as an eventual attainment of Utopian humanists. In the midst of this soup of confusion, many



believer's are tempted to link arms in the human races infatuation with "peace." Yet, Jesus warns us to beware of the peace that carnal men are bent on procuring. He told His disciples on the eve of His crucifixion, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you [John 14:27a]." Christ infers that the world gives a version of peace, but the peace which He gives is unlike it. Thus, the Christian, abiding in Christ, bearing His fruit of peace, would do well to acquaint themselves with the nature of this soothing fruit of peace.

Peace is often tied to visions of soft, green meadows, babbling brooks, frolicking bunny rabbits, a gentle breeze; and the dying rays of a golden, summer sun. Overall, we would associate peace with tranquility. However, when you begin to dig into the meaning of these words, the heart begins to beat with the courageous hope of a mighty host, intent on victory at all cost. Tranquility derives from two Latin words (trans and quies), which when combined literally mean exceeding quiet rest. Rest, huh? We all want a little more of that! Before you bound off with that idea like a Golden Retriever after a tennis ball, consider what sort of rest we might be discussing here. Why would emphasizing exceeding quiet rest be important? It is blatantly apparent, because we are not aiming for simply a temporal calm, a reprieve from the fighting, a respite from the war; the true believer is hungry to see the full-fledged fulfillment of 1 Corinthians 15:25, "For he [Jesus] must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet." For instance, most people in Britain went to sleep every night during World War II; however, very few of them truly had an "exceedingly quiet rest." There was always a jittery nervousness and anxiety as to whether a bomb might land on your home that night. A German air raid was not just possible, it was probable. Is that the sort of rest and peace the Christian is marked by? Even men dead in their sins seem to be able to obtain a kind of rest in time of fear; even wicked empires are able to obtain some measure of peace and stability from their enemies. Again, it must be asked, is that the sort of peace we are after?

Paul gives us some help in the Epistle to the Ephesians, when he commands the Christian to armor their soul in this way, "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace [Eph. 6:15]." The Christian's feet, then, are to be armored not just with the Gospel, and not just with the Gospel of Peace, but with the "preparation of the Gospel of Peace." What precisely does that mean? Brace yourself, this is good! We have three parts to this phrase: the Gospel, the Peace, and the preparation. First, the Gospel, which in a few words could simply be described as the astounding proclamation of God's promise to rescue and redeem all who call upon the Name of Jesus Christ and the atoning work which He did by His death, burial, and resurrection! Secondly, this Gospel is a Gospel of peace, which means that the glorious work of Calvary is not merely a bunch of slaves being set free. If someone views the Gospel as only a ticket out of hell, the Enemy will likely still hold sway over them. It is when we realize that we are indeed slaves of sin, set free by the power of a crucified Christ, but even more glorious is that the wicked master (Satan) who purposed our demise is himself beaten, overthrown, conquered, undone, and rendered powerless! The Gospel of Peace could more accurately be described as slaves being set free and then being informed by their Beloved King that they are to receive the weaponry He has prepared for them and return to rout their former master's empire, knowing full well that he is powerless before the war engines of King Jesus!

That is the Gospel of Peace, but thirdly we must mark that Paul tells us to have our feet shod with the preparation of this Gospel of Peace. Meaning, when we realize how gloriously wonderful, and incredibly empowering and enabling this Gospel of Peace is, there will be an ever-ready alacrity, eager readiness, and chomping-at-the-bit preparedness to ensure that the Peace of God is ruling in your heart.

> "Meaning, when we realize how gloriously wonderful, and incredibly empowering and enabling this GOSPEL OF PEACE is, there will be an ever-ready alacrity, eager readiness, and chomping-at-the-bit preparedness to ensure that the PEACE OF THE GOSPEL is extended far and wide, coast to coast, and that every nation, tribe and tongue is subjugated unto the life-giving power and Lordship of JESUS CHRIST"





> "And your feet shod with the preparation of THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"

the Gospel is extended far and wide, coast to coast, and that every nation, tribe and tongue is subjugated unto the life-giving power and Lordship of Jesus Christ! The Christian is resistless in his march forward, for he knows that in the light of the King's face there is life, he loves his King, and desires the glorious beauty, and joy-giving presence of his King to reign in every corner of his soul, his family, his nation and the universe. Thus, he will not be stopped by the "Prince of Darkness Grim," for he also knows that "one little Word [hint: Jesus] shall fell him."

Think what bearing this has for our pursuit of personal holiness and the strengthening of our prayer life. The Church tromps through this world with the strut of a super-conquering squadron, and neither life, nor death, angels, demons, political powers, things present, things to come, heights, depths, scientific discoveries, personal inadequacies, storms, famines, pestilence, plague, wars, tragedies, nothing in heaven, earth or even hell itself can ever hinder, stop, thwart, deter, or limit the scope, the inextinguishability and the indefatigability of the Almighty, Sovereign, Lordship of Jesus Christ within this universe and more precious for the soul the life of His beloved Saints! Indeed, He Himself made it plain by saying, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you [Luke 10:19]." On the basis of your belief in Jesus Christ, He not only can, but He is more than able to reign fully in every sphere of your life. Not just that, but every cell of this universe answers to Him; and all things are upheld by Him; and no temptation can overcome the believing Saint; and no weapon of the Enemy can prosper; and no personal tragedy nor political upheaval can dislodge your security, confidence and unshakability when the Peace of God is ruling in your heart.

Is it not beautiful that when God unveils the nature of the coming Messiah to Isaiah, that he proclaims the Christ to be the Prince of Peace? Stand firm, then, in the realization that Jesus is crowned thus. If He falters, then you ought to fear, but He never will, so why waver, shudder, or faint in the face of any adversity? Thusly, live with a heavenly sure-footedness, pray with undaunted confidence that Jesus Christ reigns, march into this world and proclaim the Kingship of Christ over all matters, shout aloud by your lips and with your life that "the Kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ are now come." They will likely kill you if you live this way, but our Kingdom is a heavenly and eternal one anyhow! If you are abiding in Jesus, and His Spirit is abiding in you, then the fruit will necessarily be an ever increasing confidence in Christ, and an ever-readiness to subdue all things (both rebellion within and the Enemy's work without) unto Jesus. Peace, it is the exceeding rest of a Conqueror, or better yet, more than a Conqueror; a Conqueror who knows no fear, fears no foe, can't be beat, won't be stopped, has actually already won, reigns on high, upholds all things, and lives within the believing soul. Ah, that is rest indeed. Nothing can stop Him, and He is in me, and I in Him, so nothing can stop me. Nothing can conquer Him, therefore . . . yep, nothing can conquer me. There shall be no end to the increase of His government and peace, and therefore . . . yep, my faith has found a resting place! He has won, and He lives to rule and reign forevermore as our King of righteousness and our King of Peace.

## Ellerslie Rescue Fund

Ellerslie Mission Society has a passion for the vulnerable and the weak, and it is our desire to take our strength and direct it towards those in need. We have established an Ellerslie Rescue Fund for this precise purpose. It's our way of harnessing the strength and Spirit-zeal of our alumni and directing it 100% towards the things squarely on God's heart (the spreading of the Gospel and the rescue of the vulnerable and weak). There are many ways in which this fund can be utilized. For instance, it might be in helping alumni with adoptions, with missions, or with rescue operations. Our desire is to not just talk about doing great things for our King, but to actually do it. So, here's one way that we can financially undergird the real-world "doing."

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# ALUMNI REUNION 2013

# STATE OF THE REUNION

*A.W. Tozer wisely said, "Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers met together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship."*

I can't say it any better then he. When men and women of God gather together for the worship of Jesus by listening, meditating, teaching, singing, fellowshipping, giving, and playing all for the glory of God, Christ is exalted and we are filled with joy. Thinking back on the reunion, the theme and focus was not unity itself, but Christ, and as such there was incredibly beautiful unity and RE-UNION! Tozer's quote is a profound picture of what happened at the Ellerslie Alumni Reunion. We were all tuned to the song of Christ; thus, God was glorified and we were unified! Below are a few thoughts from some who attended. We hope this will give each of you a clear insight into what God did over this wonderful weekend.

Many Blessings in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!
Judah Cofer

## ANA VALERIANO
SUMMER 2013

### How did the reunion equip you to return to your home/ministry?

The reunion equipped me with the huge reminder of the basic truths of the gospel. Entering an environment where Christ is truly exalted in almost every aspect is inspiring and convicting! The basic truths are prone to slip away once the tidal wave hits. So this Reunion has been a tool from the Lord to remind my soul of the Truth, the Life, and the Way.

### What was the most significant thing God did in your life while attending the reunion?

The most significant thing God did in my life while attending the reunion was showing me the sun ray of hope. Coming home from Basic Training was a challenge; especially with myself. There were constant voices (people & my own thoughts) that pointed me towards the mediocre living. It just made sense to follow the crowd in the wide road. But coming to Ellerslie that weekend was like the arm of God that reached me just in time from falling off the cliff. A devotional from Dan let way for the Spirit of God to convict me of such thoughts as Dan mentioned these exact words: "*Don't pursue mediocrity.*" It was a purging of mind and heart the Lord took me through that weekend, and oh how sweet it was!

### Describe the reunion in 3 words?

Home Sweet Home.

## JESSE BLUMA
WINTER 2012

### Why did you decide to come to the reunion?

I wanted to come back and have that sweet taste of Ellerslie once again and the set-apart life.

### How did the reunion equip you to return to your home/ministry?

It just set me on fire anew for Jesus so I came back more expectant than I had been before I went out there.

### What was the most significant thing God did in your life while attending the reunion?

He just showed me how real He is once again and that He never gives up.

### If you were to encourage another alumni student to come to the reunion, what would you say?

It's super awesome and lots of fun. And best of all you get to be surrounded by people once again who love Jesus and want to serve Him.

### Describe the reunion in 1 word?

Jesus

# PERIODICAL

## DESIGN

God's people have just witnessed the sweeping judgment of God upon King Ahab and Jezebel by the hand of Jehu. However, though Jehu feigned devotion to God, and all the people with him, it soon became evident that their hearts were unfaithful to their words. So what Hosea is declaring is that, though they might be doing good things and making vows to follow God "no matter what," the reality is that they are people full of empty promises.

Their promise to follow God and do good is about as lasting as the morning cloud. There's nothing more enchantingly lovely than a foggy morning, just as the sun rises. It is absolutely beautiful. However, it doesn't take long for that mist to be burned away as the heat of the sun bears down upon it. Hosea is comparing God's people to that morning cloud and dew; they make a good start, but when the heat of circumstances come, their devotion and loyalty dissipate into nothingness.

In order to make him a weeping prophet, God gave to Hosea the most unique of commissions so as to show Hosea the great tragedy it is when God's people vow to follow wholeheartedly and yet, oh so quickly, fall away into unfaithfulness. Hosea's story begins to unfold in chapter one, and we read:

And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim (Hosea 1:2b-3a).

Hosea has just been asked by God to go marry a shameless hussy, a hooker, a woman of the night. This is not your typical God-written love story! Can you imagine the shame it would be for Hosea to tell his folks and friends about that decision? If you're wanting to establish a credible, respected ministry, this is the worst move you can make! Even in the midst of such a corrupt society, prostitutes were still looked down upon. The New Testament makes it clear that an elder of the church, as well as his family, ought to be chaste and free from impurity. So, first off, you have the shame of marrying a whore, and one who had made harlotry her life-profession. Not only that, but some scholars think that Gomer was one of the most well-known and most scandalous harlots in all Israel!

To make matters worse, Hosea has three children by her, and his children are, in essence, walking prophecies of the judgment of God upon Israel. The first was a son whose name, Jezreel, foreshadowed the destruction of Jehu's dynasty, which indeed took place in the valley called Jezreel. Jehu had rightly destroyed the wicked family and followers of Ahab, a destruction which God had Himself commanded. However, Jehu's heart was quick to embrace idolatry, and his eyes were only fixed on his own advancement, rather than on faithfulness to God. Thus, Hosea's son Jezreel (which means scattered) told all the people that God was going to destroy the most influential family in the kingdom (Jehu's) and that all the people would be scattered.

Then, he has a little daughter and is told to name her Loruhamah, which means "no mercy." And then God expounds on her name and says that she will be a walking sermon telling the Israelites: "I [God] will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away" (Hos. 1:6). That is sure to win Hosea some friends!

His third child, a son, is then named "Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God" (Hos 1:9). A lot of warm-fuzzies for Hosea. He has one of the most notorious whores in the land for a wife, and his children are prophetically named to tell the nation that God is going to destroy the royal family and thus scatter the people, that He will have no

Their promise to follow God and do good is about as lasting as the MORNING CLOUD.

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### IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY (BIOGRAPHY OF LEONARD RAVENHILL) BY MACK TOMLINSON.

Apparently this is the only biography that exists on Leonard Ravenhill. It's a big book but covers his whole life, various places of ministry, goes in depth on his ministry of prayer and preaching and introduces you to various people who were close to him. A vast amount of people were influenced by him, mostly indirectly through his preaching, but he informally discipled so many men just by meeting with them for prayer and through his preaching. I was really inspired by his consistent walk with the Lord through all the various moves and ministries he was led to. His perseverance through a bad accident was a great encouragement to me and his passion for the Gospel made it so wonderful to me all over again.

### ROBERT CHAPMAN: APOSTLE OF LOVE BY ROBERT PETERSON

This was a really inspiring biography of a man who truly sought to live his life for Christ. Robert C. Chapman was known throughout England (and in many parts of the world) as a man of Christian love. Spurgeon said of him that he was the "saintliest man" he ever knew! Originally from a wealthy English family he gave it all up to be a simple pastor and evangelist. He traveled almost entirely by foot around the country of Ireland preaching and sharing the Gospel, took missionary trips to Spain; he was a good friend, adviser and supporter of George Muller, Hudson Taylor, C.H. Spurgeon and other well-known Christians. He had the gift of encouragement and from his earnest study of the Scripture was also a great teacher and preacher. The genuine love he was able to show and give to even those who despised him was really amazing and it led to many of those scoffers or wayward brethren to repentance and reconciliation. I was so inspired to pursue Christ and to grow in my love for others!

*"Love is first and foremost humble and in the very few writings he left behind he defined love this way: 'The love we speak of is meek and lowly; behaves itself wisely and edifies; bearing with the foolish and self-conceited, while it shuns their folly'." (p. 189)*

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**SUMMER 2010**




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mercy, and that the Israelites will no longer be God's people.

If that isn't a dream situation, what is, right?! But, to top it all off, in chapter 2 we find that Gomer—after all of Hosea's lovingkindness, provision, and care for her—returned to her trade of prostitution. Can you imagine Hosea's prayers to God after this knife to the heart? I can picture him crying out something like:

"God, I don't understand. You commanded me to take this woman as my own and to name my children as I did, and I endured the raised eyebrows for marrying her . . . and now, God, how in the world am I supposed to explain this to people? How am I supposed to carry on?!"

"Hosea," God might reply, "it hurts, doesn't it, when you pour your life and your love into your chosen bride, and rather than clinging to you in love and devotion, she spurns you and chooses instead men who treat her like a cheap commodity? It hurts that she prefers the abuse and shame of prostitution instead of the love and provision you would offer. It pains you to know that she would sell herself to gain what you would have gladly given. It stings that she is trying to find her satisfaction outside of you, doesn't it, Hosea?"
"Yes, God, that is precisely how it feels! Why have you allowed this, oh God?!"

Indeed, why did God allow this? And what was God's point in this? I have a hunch that God's purpose for Hosea's pain could very well be summarized by saying, "So that you would know how it feels!" God doesn't needlessly bring His men through trials; He in fact brings trials into their lives in order that they might come to know Him better.

Israel had been unfaithful time and time and time again; and though God would have every right to disown them, cast them off, and destroy them entirely, He still demonstrates His great love for them. In fact, two passages in Hosea show us God's great compassion, faithfulness, and mercy. In Hosea 1:11 we read that, "the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel." This foreshadows the day when Christ would become the head of all the people of God, and indeed the very next verse shows that the names of Hosea's children will be changed from "no mercy" and "not my people" to "mercy" and "my people".

Furthermore, a most beautiful picture of God's tireless and unending love for His people is found in His command to Hosea in chapter 3, where He commands Hosea to go buy Gomer back. Gomer is rightfully already his wife, but Hosea goes above and beyond to secure her as his own for all time. It is interesting that the price of Gomer's worth, 15 shekels, was half of what a servant's value was (see Ex. 21:32). It is as if Gomer is being shown that sin only brings wretchedness and worthlessness. A virtuous woman's price is far above rubies, but Gomer's worth was dwindling more and more. Yet she could not have seen it unless Hosea had purchased her for such a price. All the same, what Hosea's action showed to Israel was that despite the nation's disloyalty, unfaithfulness, and lack of devotion, God would still gladly pay the price and more so to ransom His people. Though her sins had sunk her to utter impoverishment, He would gladly pay more for her than she was worth!

God declares His faithfulness unto Israel quite beautifully in Hosea 2:19-20: "And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD." He would show great mercy by betrothing Israel unto Himself forever, in an everlasting covenant. That covenant can be nothing other than the Gospel. The Old Covenant was dissolved, for it was only a shadow of the eternal covenant of grace in Christ Jesus.

The Weeping Prophet must learn, then, to weep over the unfaithfulness of the people. He cannot be numb to the reality that, though God has offered an everlasting covenant to those who would believe upon Christ, so many only confess Him and give Him lip service, only to return to their self-centered, self-satisfying ways. A preacher must know this and grieve over this, not only in others' lives, but in his own. He must see where he himself is disloyal to God and run with haste into the arms of grace. He must have tears of sorrow when preaching to those who outwardly call themselves God's people but inwardly are ruled by sensual lusts and passions. He must weep in the prayer closet for the banality of many who call themselves by the name of Christ and yet choose to live in the squalor and grime of sinful wretchedness instead of rise to their privilege as adopted children of the King!

Unfaithfulness must have no home in the Weeping Prophet's soul, and he must tirelessly watch over his own life to never have any tolerance for a wandering eye spiritually. If he truly walks with God, he will learn (not perhaps to the same extent as Hosea, but certainly the lesson must be learned) the grievousness of spurning the faithfulness of God through unfaithful living. He must endure the discomfort and pain of learning this lesson, and he must face the ridicule for being one who calls God's people to repent of their unfaithfulness and rally them to cling with undying devotion to the only Faithful One!

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### THERE ARE THREE BOOKS THAT HAVE REALLY IMPACTED AND ENCOURAGED ME,

and I would recommend them for everyone to read.

The first book is called **Safely Home by Randy Alcorn** which is a story about a Chinese pastor who suffered persecution and every morning he would wake up asking himself the question, "Is this the day I die?" This book really touched me and helped me look at life from the perspective that earth is not my home, and what if I die today? What have I done for the Lord today?

Another book that had a great impact on me is called **Revolution in World Missions by K.P. Yohannan**. After reading this book, I was deeply convicted of how I spent my money and was challenged to re-evaluate how I take care of the finances the Lord has given me.

The final book that I'd like to recommend is called **Bruchko, by Bruce Olson**. This is an astonishing story about a 19-year-old man who left everything to evangelize to a stone-age, murderous tribe that kidnapped him. This book challenged me to pour out my young life completely for the glory of Jesus Christ no matter the cost.

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## Weeping Over UNFAITHFULNESS

BEN ZORNES

Henry Law once said, "The Prophet's voice is early heard—the Prophet's school is early open." If a man would desire to be used of God as a prophetic voice in his generation, he must be prepared to embrace the inconvenient, difficult, and arduous requirements of seeking after God. It is often at the inconvenient time—i.e. early—that a man finds the greatest lessons and therefore the greatest growth. To the man whose head is buried in the pillow of self-coddling comfort, that old proverb is a needful reminder: a rolling stone gathers no moss. If we would learn the prophet's ministry, we must also learn the prophet's lifestyle, and it is one full of difficulty, challenge, and deep personal suffering.

Case in point: Hosea—a preacher unto God's adulterous people of the northern Kingdom of Israel in the 8th century B.C. For sixty or more years this man ministered, taught, and labored in the midst of kings who despised him, and people who would not listen to the message God had commanded him to bring. In chapter six of Hosea we read this startlingly sad line: "your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away" (Hos. 6:4b).

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