



Eastgate Daybreak

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Praise During the Storm

By: JEFF WARSHAUER

I was stewing over something a few weeks back and the Lord impressed me with a thought, *Jeff, why are you worrying? Don't I always see you through every trial? Why don't you try praising me now in faith instead of waiting until I bring you through?* Wow! What a concept! As usual, the Lord was absolutely right. He does always see me through. Yes, I usually have to go through the trial but he is ALWAYS there to comfort and guide.

David knew this. He wrote, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). Did you catch that? Even if we are facing death, we don't have to be afraid be-

cause God is with us. How great is that? How great is our God!

James knew this. He said to consider it all joy when we go through trials and that we are blessed when we persevere through trials. The Lord promises that we will be "perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:4) and that "we will inherit the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12).

Jesus never said we would escape trials in this life. He said that they would surely come. In the Garden of Gethsemane, the night before he was crucified, Jesus spoke these words to his disciples: "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have trib-

ulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Let me repeat that just in case you missed it: Jesus has overcome the world!

Remember that promise in Hebrews 13:5 that Jesus will never leave us or forsake us? That is only the tip of the iceberg. A friend told me the actual translation from the Greek reads something like this: "I will never, never, never, never leave you nor forsake you." I checked it out in my Bible and the notes said the actual translation would be: "There is absolutely no way whatsoever that I will ever, ever leave you." Sounds pretty definitive to me.

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Gearing Up for Camp Kilimanjaro VBS

By: TIFFANY MICHAELS

DATES & INFORMATION:

Join us for our Camp Kilimanjaro Vacation Bible School this summer, June 22-26, from 9:00 to noon each day. We will begin the day with an opening assembly, followed by rotations through Grassland Games, Safari Crafts and Experiments, Summit Snacks and High Adventure Lesson Time. Each day will end with music and drama.

Apologetics Content will include answers to questions such as: The animals—who made them so cool? The terrain—what environments are there on the mountain? The languages—where did the different languages come from? The people—where did they come from? The volcanoes—where did Mount Kilimanjaro come from?

Children ages 4-12 are invited to participate, children ages 12+ are invited to help with a group, and children under age 3 are welcome to attend with a parent or adult.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We still need volunteers in many areas. Please consider helping in one of the following areas:

- Games Leader
- Assembly Leader
- Snack Helper
- Craft Helper
- Registration Helper
- Group Leader
- Youth Helper
- Prayer Warrior

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Vacation Bible School is considered Tier 2 of our financial system, which means that it will only be funded if Tier 1 financial needs have been met or if donations are marked specifically for VBS. Please consider supporting this fantastic program that benefits our children as well as children in the community.



Church Work Bee

Sunday, May 17

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Please join us!

Event Calendar

May 2015

Church Times

Prayer Time: 8:30-8:50 am
 1st Service: 9:00-10:00 am
 Sabbath Schools: 10:10 am
 2nd Service: 11:20 am

Speakers

May 1: Eric Saylor
 May 9: Tom Nicholas
 May 16: Eric Saylor
 May 23:
 May 30:

Sundown Times

May 1: 8:01 pm
 May 9: 8:10 pm
 May 16: 8:19 pm
 May 23: 8:27 pm
 May 30: 8:34 pm

Office Hours

Tues & Wed: 9am-3pm
 Friday: 9am-12pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Vespers	2 Singing Bands : 2:30 pm Park Manor 3:30 pm Regency 7:30 PM Women's Ministry Fun Night
3	4 6:30 pm Women's Group	5 9:00 am—2:00 pm Home School Coop 6:30-8:30 pm Feathers & Hares 4-H Club	6 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise 6:30 Couple's Group 6:30 Men's Group 7 pm Bible Study	7	8 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting	9
10	11 6:30 pm Women's Group 6:30 pm Church Board Meeting 7:30 pm Elders' Mtg.	12 9:00 am—2:00 pm Home School Coop	13 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise 6:30 Couple's Group 6:30 Men's Group 7 pm Bible Study	14	15 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting	16 Singing Bands : 2:30 pm Park Manor 3:30 pm Regency
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24 31	25 6:30 pm Women's Group	26 9:00 am—2:00 pm Home School Coop	27 6:30 pm Prayer & Praise 6:30 Couple's Group 6:30 Men's Group 7 pm Bible Study	28	29	30 12:15 pm All Church Fellowship Meal

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So, back to praising our awesome God who is always with us. Watchman Nee had this to say about praise:

Why is praise also triumph? Because when you pray, you are yet in the environment; but when you praise you have risen above the environment. Whenever you are praying and pleading, you are involved in the thing you ask for. The more you plead, the more you are

bound by that thing, for it is before you all the time. But if you are brought by God beyond the prison, beyond the stocks, beyond the shame and suffering, then you are able to raise your voice and sing praise in the name of God.

What prayer may fail to accomplish, praise can. This is a basic principle to be remembered. If you cannot pray, why not praise? The Lord has not only given us

prayer but also praise that through it we may declare the victory. "But thanks be to God who always leads in triumph in Christ." Whenever your spirit is pressed beyond measure so that you can hardly breathe, let alone pray, why do you not try to praise God? Pray when you are able to pray; but praise when you cannot pray.

Care to join this recovering worrier in adopting an attitude of praise? We have nothing to lose but our stress!



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Peanut Sauce

Submitted By: SARA PETERSON

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup peanut butter (best to use a natural, unsweetened peanut butter like Adam's brand)
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- 3 Tbsp. white sugar
- 2 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tsp. cider vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic

PREPARATION:

Whisk peanut butter with 1 cup hot water in a bowl. (If you like a thicker sauce, use less water.) Stir in remaining ingredients. Season with salt if needed.

*Serve over pasta or vegetables
or use as an apple dip.*

