

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY'S WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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The Season of Lent 2018 – Life Among The Thorns

That's My Story And I'm Sticking To It!

Monday night found us in the Hanover Hospital with eight year old Jericho. A nasty gash on his head which instead of stitching they glued! (*That thought alone sparks several WEDNESDAY's WORD ideas rattling around in this head! Glue!*) When asked what happened this was Jericho's response.

"I was just sitting in the chair watching TV and fell out and hit the coffee table."

Now Meema who was home with Jericho at the time but in another room ... wasn't buying that story.

And Pap wasn't buying that story.

And his Mom, Jes, wasn't buying that story.

And the doctor in the ER wasn't buying that story.

But that was Jericho's story ... and he's sticking to it! No matter how much we tease him and laugh at him for it ... he's sticking to it! He was just sitting there and all of a sudden fell right out of the chair and hit his head on the table. And when he found out they were using glue to put him back together with no needles, and that he *"had to"* stay home from school the next day ... well, he was pretty OK with the whole event! Even if Pap's new nickname for him is *"Glue Head."*

His 'stick-to-itiveness' got me thinking though of how 'sticky' we are when it comes to the truth of our faith. We live in a time when many time honored and Bible based understandings and beliefs have been so easily tossed aside by folks today in our culture and sadly even sometimes in the Church! Modern science sometimes wants to tell us that it knows better than the Bible. Modern standards of human sexuality are leaving long standing Bible based standards as "old-fashioned, "out of date," and even "bigoted." Christ's clear call to peaceful nonviolent living and treating all people with love & respect is getting tossed aside in this highly charged, so often violent and over politicized culture. Living simply & humbly seems out-of-date in our world of deep debt "gotta have" ... "gotta buy" ... gotta get!" Forget forgiveness 70 X 7 ... it's about getting even! And living with a passion for soul saving, disciple making, Great Commission evangelism? Well that's just seen as insensitive in our *"many ways to god"* time!

So what about you? What about me? Are you willing to "stick" to your "story?" That God's Word ... the Bible ... is trustworthy and true? That the lifestyle Christ calls us to, even if it

seems out of touch with society, is our loving response to a Lord who gave everything for us.
Who wore the thorns!

I love the old hymn, "*Standing On The Promises.*"

1) Standing on the promises of Christ my King! Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring; "Glory in the highest!" I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2) Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God.

3) Standing on the promises, I now can see, Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me; Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free, Standing on the promises of God.

4) Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword, Standing on the promises of God.

5) Standing on the promises, I cannot fall, Listening every moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God.

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"You can trust this: Every word that God speaks is true. God is a safe place for those who go to Him." Proverbs 30:5 ERV

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;..." 2 Timothy 3:16 CJB

As for me ... I believe that God's Word is trustworthy & true ... completely ... and though I live it out very imperfectly ... I want to try to live by God's Word. That's my story ... and I'm sticking to it! Pastor Larry <><