

SCHEDULE:

Aug. 26th – Sep. 30th – “How to enjoy your life” Sermon series

October 1st – 7th – Bible study groups launch

October 6th @ 8am – Men’s breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Academy & I-25



Please RSVP JACK GARCIA by text at 339-7040

SERMON NOTES: “Conquering Complaining”

VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Formation Hour Nursery: Bruce Nicklas

Worship Hour Nursery: Beth Sharp

Ushering: Chuck and Jan White

Sound Board: Mark Miller

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Coffee Set-up: Matt Ernst

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“Conquering Complaining.”

Out West, a cowboy was driving down a dirt road, his dog riding in back of the pickup truck, his faithful horse in the trailer behind. He failed to negotiate a curve and had a terrible accident. Some time later, a highway patrol officer came on the scene. An animal lover, he saw the horse first. Realizing the serious nature of its injuries, he drew his service revolver and put the animal out of his misery. He walked around the accident and found the dog, also hurt critically. He couldn't bear to hear it whine in pain, so he ended the dog's suffering as well. Finally he located the cowboy --who suffered multiple fractures--off in the weeds. "Hey, are you okay?" the cop asked. The cowboy took one look at the smoking revolver in the trooper's hand and quickly replied, "Never felt better!"

Today we will explore how we can achieve this pursuit of conquering complaining! May you find yourself blessed for being here today!

—Pastor Naas

Got a complaint you'd like to register?

While hunting deer in the Tehema Wildlife Area near Red Bluff in northern California, Jay Rathman climbed to a ledge on the slope of a rocky gorge. As he raised his head to look over the ledge above, he sensed movement to the right of his face. A coiled rattler struck with lightning speed, just missing Rathman's right ear. The four-foot snake's fangs got snagged in the neck of Rathman's wool turtleneck sweater, and the force of the strike caused it to land on his left shoulder. It then coiled around his neck. He grabbed it behind the head with his left hand and could feel the warm venom running down the skin of his neck, the rattles making a furious racket. He fell backward and slid headfirst down the steep slope through brush and lava rocks, his rifle and binoculars bouncing beside him. "As luck would have it," he said in describing the incident to a Department of Fish and Game official, "I ended up wedged between some rocks with my feet caught uphill from my head. I could barely move." He got his right hand on his rifle and used it to disengage the fangs from his sweater, but the snake had enough leverage to strike again. "He made about eight attempts and managed to hit me with his nose just below my eye about four times. I kept my face turned so he couldn't get a good angle with his fangs, but it was very close. This chap and I were eyeball to eyeball and I found out that snakes don't blink. He had fangs like darning needles...I had to choke him to death. It was the only way out. I was afraid that with all the blood rushing to my head I might pass out." When he tried to toss the dead snake aside, he couldn't let go--"I had to pry my fingers from its neck." Rathman, 45, who works for the Defense Department in San Jose, estimates his encounter with the snake lasted 20 minutes. Warden Dave Smith says of meeting Rathman: *"He walked toward me holding this string of rattles and said with a sort of grin on his face, 'I'd like to register a complaint about your wildlife here.'"*

The most common complaints of husbands and wives.

Dr. Robert Travis, co-director of Marital and Health Studies at the Univ. of Alabama, lists the most common complaints of husbands and wives.

WIVES: *He doesn't listen to me, He takes me for granted, He's not romantic, He doesn't help much with the children.*

HUSBANDS: *She doesn't understand that I need time by myself; she nags about little things; she expects too much emotionally; she complains that I spend too much time at work. -Fathergram, March, 1985.*

Complained lately?

You will find that, as a rule, those who complain about the way the ball bounces are usually the ones who dropped it.

Don't complain and talk about all your problems--80 percent of people don't care; the other 20 percent will think you deserve them.

Need something to complain about? It's not very encouraging to know your bank deposits are protected by an agency of a federal government that's \$1.6 trillion in debt.

Financial Update – Fueling our Vision

	Aug	2012 (Jan-Aug)
Budgeted Income	\$ 16,175	\$129,400
Actual Income	\$ 11,950	\$ 95,926
Difference	\$ -4,225	\$ -33,474
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 16,167	\$129,336
Actual Expenses	\$ 13,792	\$120,406
Difference	\$ 2,375	\$ 8,930

Our giving and overall income was down again in August. However, we are carefully monitoring expenses so they have been consistently falling below budget. ***As we are thankful for all that God has provided, let us continue to give with joyful hearts!***