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'...Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you...'
Luke 24:5-6

Let's face it- some of us are forgetting a few things these days. As a kid, I used to enjoy scavenger hunts. Now they are less enjoyable as they happen too many times in a week. A few years ago, I hid some Easter chocolate from my wife (do I need to explain this?). It was probably 11 months after Easter when those chocolates finally turned up. That was a wonderful surprise but it certainly wasn't the plan.

I am often struck by this detail in Luke's account of the Easter morning. The angels ask why are they looking for Jesus at a tomb. They declare that Jesus has risen to life. And then they remind them of what Jesus said before any of this had happened. Instead of having Jesus present himself, they direct the group to consider what Jesus said about the cross, before the cross even happened. To remind themselves of the words he declared and think about what He said.

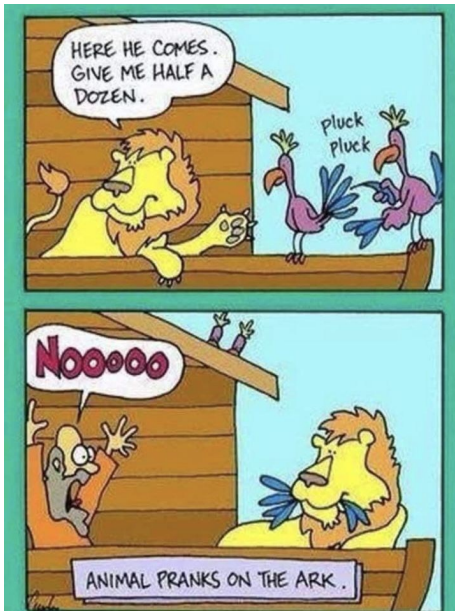
I have been guilty over the years, during challenging circumstances, to ask God to do something special. To do the out-of-the-ordinary or miraculous to help me know He is there, and that He cares. To show up in power and fix things. To change my circumstances to ones that I think better align with a God who loves.

What a great challenge to stop in the middle of hard, and remember. To remember, first of all, the outlandish love that brought Him to our little planet, to live, to serve, to die, and to rise again. And additionally, to remember all the things He said to us. All of those 'precious and very great promises...' (2 Peter 1:4) that were spoken and written for our benefit. The God who can keep his promise to rise again is trustworthy, and certainly more than able to keep every other promise He made. The beautiful thing about the Word of God is that it is absolutely solid. It doesn't shudder under the weight of our problems. And even in circumstances that seem to contradict, our trust need not waver because He is faithful and true.

I am grateful for many moments that God just showed up and intervened. But, I am more grateful for His word. Promises recorded for our benefit and hope. Words that can be clung to because in the words of the One who spoke them, these words are 'trustworthy and true.'

-Pastor Dave Bunn-

CHURCH HUMOR



Can you find 16 books of the Bible in the following paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible — it was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for the facts, but for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam; especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be really easy ones to spot; others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One woman says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph. *(First one is marked for you.)*

55+ EVENTS 2026 CALENDAR

- Apr 26:** Soup & Bun Lunch in the church gym
- May 25-28:** Bus Trip to Parksville/Qualicum Beach (Vancouver Island)
- May 31:** Lunch at the Golden Crown — each person pays their own lunch. Sign-up required.
- Jun 21-24:** Sunnybrae 55+ Retreat at Sunnybrae Bible Camp.
This Retreat fills up fast, so if you wish to go, get your registration in quickly.
Link to information and registration: www.sunnybrae.ca/55Retreat
- Jul 8:** Picnic at Paddlewheel Park
- Aug 12:** Picnic at Reiswig Park (Lake Country)
- Sep 7-8:** Camping at Mabel Lake Group Site

Watch for further information and details in emails and on the website or Planning Center.

Links to 55+ Ministry information:

- Church Website: emmanuelvernon.ca/ministries/55-ministry
- Planning Center App: emmanuelvernon.churchcenter.com/calendar



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