

St. Timothy's Banner

Easter 2018

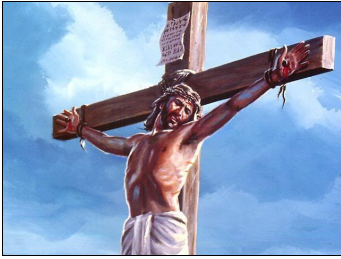


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ON RESURRECTION LIFE

By Do Fox



Resurrection Life, true Life, is what I died to bring you.
How can you look upon My Cross, and Resurrection
And not see in this gift, the new life I came to bring you?
Dying to your old self, daily,
And coming to Me, the Author of Life,
In all you say, think, and do,
Is what Resurrection Life is all about!
I long to comfort, and counsel you,
And extend your understanding,
So that Heavenly Light transforms you,
And the Very Life of God indwells you.
This is Reality!
This is the purpose for which I created you!
It is like a key that unlocks the door
To the treasure room of God!
I long to enrich you with My Life,
To have you grow into true Sons and Daughters,
Bearing My Image in the world!
Know that I will do it, trust Me to do it!
It was for this purpose that I came into the world,
But this transformation of your being
Is something we accomplish together.
Love, such as you have never known
Lies at the Heart of this work of Ours,
I will teach you to Love with My Love,
To think with My Mind,
To act with My Courage,
Until My true Resurrection Life is fully yours!
Then you will share My Joy,
And be a source of My Life to those around you,
Until the whole earth, again, is flooded
With My Resurrection Life!



Youth Leadership Training Week

By Milina Endresen

From March 4th to 8th, 2018, a little over a dozen young people gathered at Camp des îles near Lachute for the Faith Mission's Quebec Youth Leadership Training week. The goal of this conference was to grow in our relationship with Christ through times of worship, study of the Bible, and prayer, both personally and as a group, as well as through topical seminars and discussions linked to the week's theme.

The theme for this year being Cornerstone, we looked at the Church in many different ways. From our personal roles as Christians in the Church, to our collective mission as the body of Christ, and to the Church's foundation on Jesus, there was plenty to discuss, study, and learn. The seminar topics included genuine faith, the Church as a body, Hell, defending Genesis, prayer in the Church, the mission of the Church, the holiness of God's people, and spiritual gifts. These sessions were led by six different speakers, including our beloved youth leaders at St Tim's , Debra and Robin Perron. We also had the opportunity to hear from a panel of pastors from the area about their church, their ministry, and how they cultivate their relationship with God. Following a question period, we separated into small groups to pray for these men, their families and their ministry. But our time away wasn't all serious – we also had

fun bowling, ice skating, and getting to know one another over some late night snacks and games. This week of training was a great time for equipping and growing our youth. Personally, I was challenged on a number of aspects, namely concerning the mission of the Church and what that should look like in my life. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20). However, it is so easy for me to become passive about this command, being content with living my Christian life on my own without focusing on sharing Christ with others. Not only that, but I forget that making disciples involves a long-term commitment to people. The Great Commission is not simply a call for a "Gospel hit-and-run," dumping the Good News on someone and leaving them on their own.

This conference reminded me of the reality of Hell, of our mission in making disciples and praying together, and of the importance of always being prepared to give a defense for the hope I have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15). Jesus calls us to live for Him as His Church now, not in theory but in practice. And He is with us as we do so, "always, to the end of the age."



Shrove Tuesday Fellowship

18 of us enjoyed this special breakfast together thanks to Lois DeJean



Youth Leadership Training 2018

By: Debra Perron

Very often when hearing testimonies of people growing up in Christian homes it is quite normal to hear about a rebellious season towards God, usually in the teenage years. These years are spent trying to fit in with the world. By God's grace alone, this is not my story! My teenage years were years of desiring to know God more.

When I was 16 years old, I was invited to attend a 'Youth Leadership Training' run by The Faith Mission. The event was held in southern Ontario at The Faith Mission's camp center and was held over the March break. I met a number of other teenagers who were just like me – excited to study God's Word and know Him more. For probably the first time I realized that I was not alone in my passion for Christ. I attended the training the following year as well and remember being so challenged and encouraged in my faith and by the fellowship of like-minded believers.

Years later when God called me to work full-time for the Faith Mission, I was excited to be part of delivering that same training that I had once received that had been such a blessing to me. For years I would travel to Ontario to help lead the event. As youth ministry became a big part of my work here in Québec, I wanted the youth I worked with to be able to receive that same kind of training and experience. For a few years we tried to take some of our youth to Ontario but the March breaks in Ontario and Québec never coincided and the youth were required to take time off school in order to attend.

That's when the Lord really laid it on my heart that this training needed to be offered here in the province of Québec. Rob and I began to pray and we both felt that God was asking us to step out in faith and trust Him to help us. We started our first

'Québec Youth Leadership Training' in 2016. We only had 6 youth in attendance but we sensed God had done something amazing that week and He blessed us with His presence. The goal of our time with these young people is to draw closer to God, to be trained up in His Word and to be sent out as servants of Christ. These young people are the future leaders of the church! We want them to know what they believe and why they believe it and our desire is for them to know how to defend their faith and how to share it with others.

It's hard to believe we just finished our third 'Youth Leadership Training' here in Québec this year. This is a ministry we feel is much needed today and vital for young people who take their walk with God seriously. By God's grace, we hope to continue this ministry in the future and offer it to as many youth across Québec that the Lord brings our way. May God continue to lead and guide us as we seek to serve Him and may He perform a life-transforming work in the young people who attend these events in order that they can be strong in their faith and a witness for Christ wherever He may call them to go. To God be all the glory!



Prayer Request
BANGLADESH – SHACK CITY HOUSING THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF OTTAWA

By Harn Yawnghwe



Entrance over a bamboo bridge to a well-ordered refugee camp.



Refugees waiting for hand-outs of essential supplies – UN and other agencies.

Following massive security *clearance* operations in Rakhine State in Myanmar in October 2016 and August 2017, close to 800,000 Muslim Rohingya refugees have fled to neighbouring Bangladesh, a poor Muslim country with a population of 163 million and a nominal per capita GDP of \$ 1,660 (Canada has a population of 35 million and a nominal per capita GDP of \$ 47,657).

Although the Bangladeshi government and international aid agencies are well organized, providing clean drinking water and sanitary latrines, 100 people have to share 1 latrine.

60% of the refugees are children, half of whom suffer from malnutrition. Education for the children is currently non-existent. According to UN Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides, over 40,000 children are unaccompanied and are at risk from traffickers who can either lure them away or kidnap them. The shacks have open walls.

About 48,000 refugee women, some as young as 12, are pregnant and need maternity care. Some are rape victims. They suffer from trauma and physical abuse and will also need counselling.

Some of their stories about the brutality of the Myanmar security forces are just too appalling. An old man told me how his daughter was gang-raped. His son tried to intervene and had his throat slit. He tried to intervene and had his leg damaged. His daughter's throat was also slit.



Refugees recounting their experiences.

Approximately 100,000 (or half the population of the West Island) are in immediate danger. Their temporary shelters are in low lying areas that will flood when the rains begin in 2 months' time.

Even at \$1 a day per person, it will cost \$292 million a year to look after the refugees. The Myanmar government says it will process 100 people a day to return. This means it will take 22 years working every day non-stop to process 800,000 people. In other words, they are not going back. Please pray the Lord's mercy on these people. They have no future and nowhere to go.



Bible Bytes



Jn. 4:23-24 “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks, God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Archbishop William Temple, the Anglican theologian, wrote some words concerning worship, which I consider to be among the most beautiful I have ever read: ‘Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of mind with His truth, the purifying of imagination by His beauty, the opening of the heart to love, the surrender of will to His purpose – and all this is gathered up in adoration to the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable, and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness, which is the original sin and the source of all actual sin.’

Written by Selwyn Hughes. Taken from ‘Every Day With Jesus’. Jan/Feb 2018.

Submitted By Barrie Fox



William Temple (15 October 1881 – 26 October 1944) was a *bishop* in the Church of England. He served as *Bishop* of Manchester (1921–29), *Archbishop* of York (1929–42) and *Archbishop* of Canterbury (1942–44). A renowned teacher and preacher, Temple is perhaps best known for his 1942 book *Christianity and Social Order*.

ON WORSHIPPING ME

By Do Fox

True worship is when we intermingle with each other.

You, and I, in a relationship

That far outshines any human relationship you have.

It goes way beyond words,

And as My Spirit shines into your spirit

You can experience full release

From all that binds you to this world.

It is as if we smile at one another,

And in that exchange of Love

You are enlarged, and transformed

Into the Image of My Son!

True worship is a Love feast between you and Me.

I long for you to know the full extent of My Love and provision!

So many things can interfere with true worship,

And these mar My Image within you.

To worship in spirit and truth opens you to the miraculous!

Your faith is strengthened, and My joy fills every part of you.

Heaven breaks through the dark clouds that mask My Light and Glory.

The clouds are the work of the evil one,

And are the reason why true worship can change events!

Spears of Light pierce the heavens,

And My Love and protection streams down to meet you

When you worship Me in Spirit and Truth!

FATHER SANCTIFY THEM

By Joy Scott

As Jesus walked toward Jerusalem with his disciples, his thoughts were on them. The burden for their security was uppermost on his mind, and lifting his eyes up to Heaven he glorified the Father, and then he prayed for his disciples. He asked the Father to keep them safe, to protect and watch over them, and to keep them from sinning, because when he was with them they were safe, but as he prepares to leave, the Holy Spirit would not come to them for some time. He also prayed for us, the ones who have never seen him but believe on him. In John 17 verse 20, Jesus said, "Father I do not pray for my disciples alone. But for them also which shall believe on me through the teachings and works of the disciples". Jesus was thinking about us, generations to come.

Jesus, in preparing his disciples for his departure, spoke of many things, but this time they were not in parables. He told them that they would abandon him, that they would be scattered, and in this world they will suffer tribulation, but they must not lose heart, but be of good cheer because he, Jesus, has overcome the world. Those faithful words of promise have been passed down to us. Though we are living in this world we are not of this world, and as Christians we will encounter trials and hard times; we will face hatred and persecution, even death, but all these things will pass and come to an end, because on that cross our Savior took every feature of sin that the devil could throw at us, and they were nailed to that cross. His blood flowed with every lash he received, and for every nail that punctured his flesh. It covered us, shielding us, protecting and sanctifying us, and when he was buried and rose again even death was defeated.



And so my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we remember and celebrate this Holy Easter let us lift our voices in grateful praise singing

It is well with my soul
It is well. It is well
With my soul

Though Satan should buffer, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
A VERY PEACEFUL AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL.



Resurrection Joy

By Do Fox

Death stood grinning
As Christ hung upon the cross,
His minions were rejoicing
At the magnitude of loss!

However in the darkness
That enveloped those around,
Was the start of something bigger,
Seeding earth with Love profound!

For out of thorny death
There rose a new and mighty Way,
That forever leads to heaven
And a bright, eternal, Day!

The Father's love letter

How do we know what God sees in us? He's told us so, over and over in His Word. I love this beautiful collection of Scripture paraphrases, collected in the form of a love letter, that sum up God's heart toward each of us:

My Child...

You may not know Me, but I know everything about you (Ps.139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Ps. 139:2). I am familiar with all your ways (Ps. 139:2). Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matt. 10:29-31). For you were made in My image (Gen. 1:27). In Me you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28). for you are My offspring (Acts 17:28). I knew you even before you were conceived (Jer. 1:4-5). I chose you when I planned creation (Eph. 1:11-12). . You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in My book (Ps. 139:15-16). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:26). You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14). I knit you together in your mother's womb (Ps. 139:13) and brought you forth on the day you were born (Ps. 71:6).

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (Jn. 8:41-44). I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love (1 Jn. 4:16). And it is My desire to lavish My love on you (1 Jn. 3:1), simply because you are My child and I am your Father (1 Jn. 3:1). I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Mt. 7:11), for I am the perfect Father (Mt. 5:48). Every good gift that you receive comes from My hand (James 1:17), for I am your provider and I meet all your needs (Mt. 6:31-33). My plan for your future has always been filled with hope (Jer. 29:11) because I love you with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:3). My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the sea-shore (Ps. 139:17-18), and I rejoice over you with singing (Zeph. 3:17). I will never stop doing good to you (Jer. 32:40), for you are my treasured possession (Ex. 19:5). I desire to establish you with all My heart and all My soul (Jer. 32:41), and I want to show you great and marvelous things (Jer. 33:3). If you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me (Deut. 4:29). Delight in Me and I will give you the desires of your heart (Ps, 37:4),

for it is I who gave you those desires (Phil, 2:13). I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Eph. 3:20), for I am your greatest encourager (2 Thess.2:16-17).

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Cor. 1:3-4). When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you (Ps. 34:18). As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to My heart (Isa, 40:11). One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Rev, 21:3-4), and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Rev. 21:3-4).

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love My Son, Jesus (Jn. 17:23), for in Jesus, My love for you is revealed (Jn. 17:26). He is the exact representation of My being (Heb. 12:3). He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Rm. 8:31), and to tell you that I am not counting your sins (2 Cor. 5:18-19). Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled (2 Cor. 5:18-19). His death was the ultimate expression of My love for you (1 Jn. 4:10).

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love (Rm. 8:31-32). If you receive the gift of My Son, Jesus, you receive Me (1 Jn. 2:23). And nothing will ever separate you from My love again (Rm. 8:38-39). Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (Lk. (15:7)

I have always been Father, and will always be Father (Eph. 3:14-15). My question is ... Will you be My child? (Jn. 1:12-13).

I am waiting for you (Lk. 15:11-32).

*Love, your Dad,
Almighty God*

Taken from *The God Who Sees You*, By Tammy Maltby
Submitted by Joy Scott



On Looking Back

By Do Fox

One of the joys of growing older, at least for me, is to be able to look back at my life, and see where God has intervened in His amazingly creative ways. Recently I was remembering my years at McGill University, and a particular memory stood out, above all others of that time. It was the spring of 1959. I had just turned 20 and was in 3rd year McGill. (In those days university was 4 years long – CEGEP had not been invented yet.) I had been studying biochemistry and was puffed up, thinking that it was the answer to everything. I remember even toying with the thought that maybe Jesus didn't die, but just fell into a coma, and recovered in the tomb. I don't know why such a thought would have come into my mind because I was a believer, and prayed most nights before bed. But I now see that the Lord saw that thought, and, in His wisdom, gave me a love of literature, as well as science, so, I took a course on John Milton's Paradise Lost that year as well. I think we even had to do a paper on Satan.



Anyway, in the springtime, as I was walking up to the arts building, the rich imagery of Satan being thrown out of heaven was stirring in my mind. Suddenly, I found myself saying to God, "Even if you threw me into Hell I would never stop loving you," and I saw myself preaching to the demons in Hell. I felt such conviction in those words; it almost took my breath away! I felt empowered somehow, as if God was pleased. I felt close to Him, and by the time I reached

the arts building, I remember saying to myself, "This is my true self." This is the most important thing that happened to me in those years at McGill. Yes, getting my degree was important, and led to a good job in teaching high school, but that moment, and the conviction that accompanied those words to God, stand out in my memory and have never been forgotten. Those words were really God's gift to me, a stirring of His Spirit within me.

I draw strength from them still, when my life has had little hells thrown at it, such as sicknesses, the aging and deaths of my parents, the suicide deaths of my sister-in-law, and, later my brother, sleepless nights.

The Love of God really is like a great river that carries us along throughout our lives, until we arrive safely into His arms and live with Him in Glory, Forever!



May the famous words of Romans 8:37-39 be lived, and experienced, by all of us, always!

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Humour



Sunday school teacher:

“Now, Jonny, what do you think a land flowing with milk and honey would be like?”

Jonny—“Sticky”.

“What is the rod of affliction?”, the Sunday school teacher asked.

“Goldenrod”, shouted the little girl whose mother has hay-fever every fall.

The pastor was examining one of the younger classes, and asked the question, “What are the sins of omission?”

After a little silence one young lady offered: “Please sir, they’re sins we ought to have committed, and haven’t”.

Rodney (after being to Sunday school) “Say Dad, our lesson told about the evil spirits entering the swine”.

Father—“Yes, my son. What do you wish to know?”

Rodney, “Was that the way they got the first deviled ham”?

Teacher—“How many bones have you in your body?”

Willie—“Nine hundred”.

Teacher—“That’s a good many more than I have”.

Willie—“Yeah, but I had sardines for lunch”.

The teacher was giving the youngsters a mental drill. “Now, Bobby, tell me which month has 28 days in it”.

Bobby had forgotten. After a moment he had the answer: “They all have”.

Teacher—“What do you call the last teeth we get”?

Pupil—“False teeth”.

Teacher—“Every day we breath oxygen. What do we breath at night?”

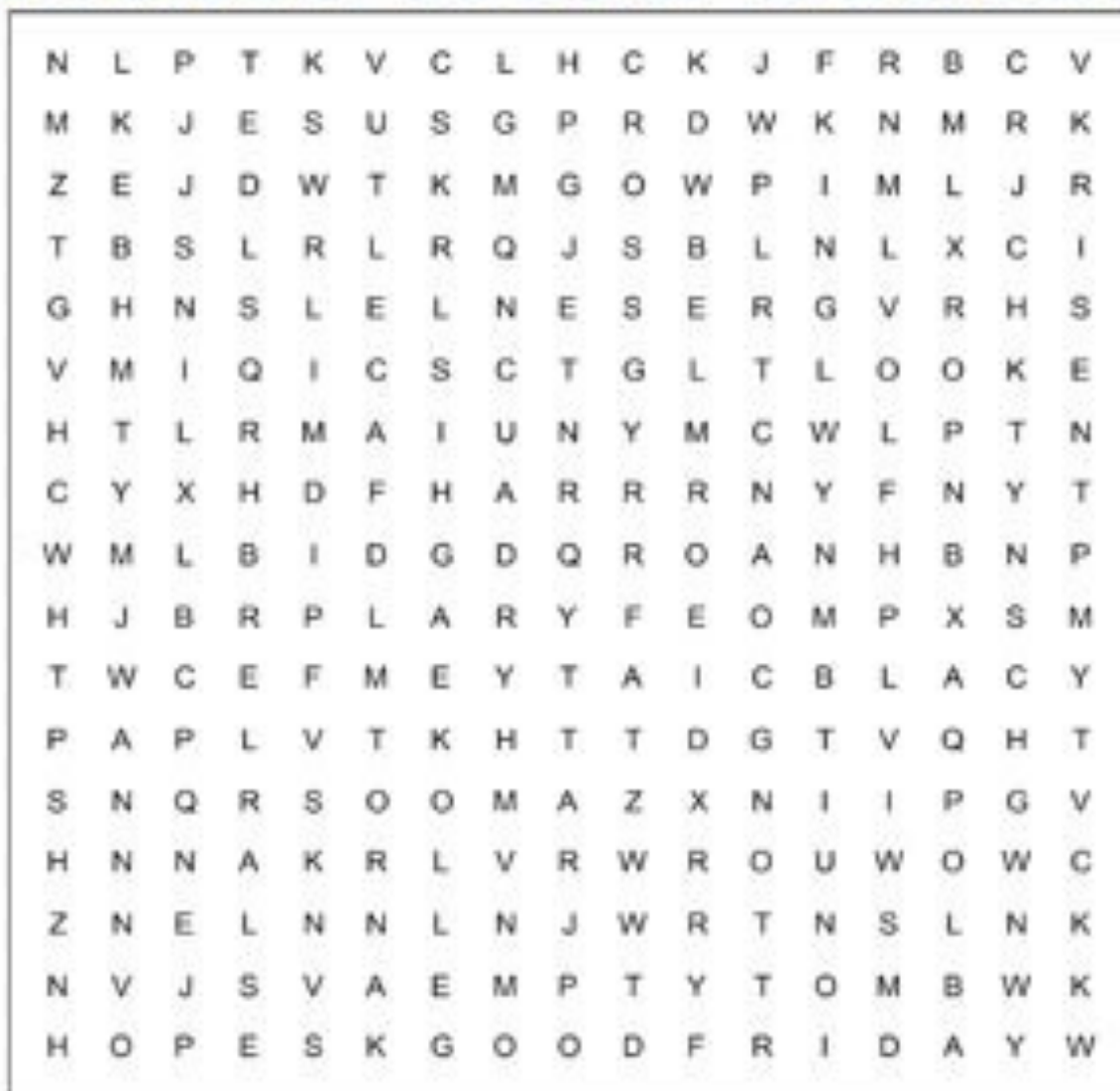
Willie “Nitrogen”.

From Larry Leach Joke Book

Q. Anyone know any jokes about sodium?

R. Na Submitted by Bob Sumner

Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day



A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image, resting on an open book. The cross is made of two thick, dark brown wooden beams. The book's pages are a light cream color, showing some signs of age and wear. The text is printed in a classic, black, serif font. The word 'John' is the largest and most prominent, followed by the verse reference '11:25-26 (niv)'. Below that is the full text of the verse, which is centered on the page.

John

11:25-26 (niv)

“Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”