

# CAMPUS CHRONICLES

EPIC Bible College

## My Psalm

by Isabel Maldonado

A virtuous woman is what I fail to be...  
Instead of conforming to your moral excellence,  
I find myself complacent & satisfied  
But does my heart please you?

You marked the errors of my heart;  
I have worked on so many  
But after a few I grow weary.  
Lord, will you refresh me?

Revitalize my soul;  
It yearns for you and you alone,  
Jehovah Shalom.  
You are my peace, with you I am at ease...  
Even with my disorders or disease.

Let everyone see this imperfect, damaged and  
insufficient life  
Continue to surrender my soul to Christ!  
Your excellence!  
Who am I that you would love me so much?

I am so thankful for you everyday,  
And will continue to praise you  
O Ancient of Days! Hallelujah!



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## *O.N.E. Tree L.I.F.E. Cultivation*

A Series by Grant Faulk

“...that they may be [O.N.E.]...”

Hi, EPIC family. It's me again, the acronym slinger that began this series a few issues ago. This second installment will discuss the components of the first acronym: “O.N.E.”

“O” is for the **O**rganic material or “soil” of our lives – the good, bad, etc.

“N” is for our **N**etwork of people, places, and things: like a root system

“E” is for **E**xtension of our life from its network, like the trunk of a tree

“L” is for **L**ook at our lives in a way that enables us to selflessly *love* God and others

“I” is for **I**ntrospection, discovering our *identity* in Christ & *investing* in others

“F” is for the **F**oundation – *financial* and physical *fitness*

“E” is for Expression – to *edify* and *evangelize* the world around us.

The first acronym refers to the context of Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17:20-23, "*My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*" It is clear to see that Jesus is showing the dependent connection between biblical unity in the Body of Christ and how that maximizes our ability to reach and transform the world with His truth and grace.

I believe this scripture shows us that believers are having a hard time living, working,...

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# A Different Culture

by Youngkwang Jeon

Culture shock: It often happens when one travels to other countries with different cultures. Even, within cities in America, one can find different cultures and laws, and experience culture shock in this country.

Between America and Asia one can find hugely different cultures. Many Americans may have odd experiences with the South Korean culture when meeting people in casual or professional situations. Asian cultures are extremely different from the American culture. Therefore, I strongly recommend that if you are planning to travel to South Korea, or just know someone who is Korean, you should attempt to understand the culture. So, let's examine the differences between the cultures.

In Korea there are many street food vendors, especially in Seoul, the Capital City of Korea. Many people will have their breakfast on the streets in the morning. Also, many couples will have a date over street food. They can get any type of food easily from street vendors, such as, sandwiches and hotdogs, and even Korean junk foods, such as, Ddok-bbokky and Hoddok. American people might see pictures of these types of foods only in big cities such as New York and New Jersey, but in Korean you can see them anywhere. Selling foods on the street is common and traditional in Asian cultures.

Another thing is that the units of measurement are different. Americans use foot and yard, but Koreans use centimeter and meter. For example, if you want to buy a pair of shoes, you'll need to know your foot-size in Korean units, especially if you want ...



“The Scream,” a painting by Edvard Munch, could represent what “Culture Shock” feels like.



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# This Week in Church History with Pastor Charlie

## **May 9**

**1265:** Dante Alighieri, the great Renaissance poet and author of *The Divine Comedy* was born in Florence, Italy.

**1983:** 350 years after the Church condemned Galileo Galilei, Pope John Paul II announced the official reversal of the condemnation from 1633. Galileo, the Italian astronomer and mathematician who first espoused the heliocentric view of our solar system, was tried for his outrageous and blasphemous claim that the earth orbits the sun. For this heresy, he was placed under house arrest for the rest of his life.

## **May 10**

**1752:** Benjamin Franklin first tested the lightning rod.

## **May 11**

**1682:** The General Court of Massachusetts repealed two laws which had been passed two years earlier: one forbade the keeping of Christmas, and the second mandated capital punishment for Quakers who returned to the colony after being banished.

**1751:** Pennsylvania Hospital was founded by Dr. Thomas Bond and Benjamin Franklin "to care for the sick, poor, and insane that were wandering the streets of Philadelphia." At the time, Philadelphia was the fastest growing city in the 13 colonies and had a population to 15,000.

**1816:** The American Bible Society was formed in New York City.

## **May 12**

**254:** Saint Stephen I began his reign as the Catholic Church's 23rd Pope. Stephen instituted the rule that clerics should wear special clothes when ministering.

**1310:** Fifty-four Knights Templar were burned at the stake as heretics in France. This military-religious order had been originally established during the Crusades to protect pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land. Pope Clement V dissolved the order in 1312 at the Council of Vienna.

## **May 13**

**1917:** Near Fatima, Portugal, three shepherd children reported that Mary, the mother of Jesus, had appeared to them. Since 1930, this appearance has come to be known as Our Lady of Fatima.

**1925:** The Florida legislature passed a bill *requiring* daily Bible readings in all public schools.

**1981:** In St. Peter's Square in Rome, Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca shot and seriously wounded Pope John Paul II in an assassination attempt. Following a long convalescence, however, John Paul resumed his world travels. The Pope attributed his recovery to another miracle by Our Lady of Fatima.

## **May 14**

**347:** Pachomius, the founder of the first monastery, died in Egypt at about age 56.

**1948:** After nineteen centuries of enforced exile, the Jewish people regained their homeland when the State of Israel was formally proclaimed in Tel Aviv. On this same date, the U.S. became the first nation to recognize the newly-refounded state of Israel.

## **May 15**

**1829:** John the Baptist appeared in New York State to ordain Mormon founder Joseph Smith (at least that's the story as told by Joseph Smith). Pastor Charlie remains unconvinced of this claim...



Dante Alighieri



Galileo Galilei



Benjamin  
Franklin



Pine Building,  
Pennsylvania Hospital,  
c. 1861

*“...that they may be [O.N.E.]...” (continued from page 2)*

...and relating with each other because many of us have not integrated with living a scriptural and Christ-like life. The Word has not been sufficiently “cultivated” in us, so our relationships with others eventually break down. James 4:1 seems to substantiate this, “What causes fights and quarrels **among** you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle **within** you?” (emphasis added). Disharmony between believers is a result of deep, internal strife. These deeper issues are not just a product of human selfishness; they are also influenced by our experiences, and sometimes our actions.

So, how do we better relate to each other, live in unity, and follow God’s commandments, when our fragmented souls obstruct us from loving God with **all** of our heart, soul, and strength? ...which in turn, makes loving our neighbors virtually impossible. If we can’t do that, how can we fulfill the Great Commission to “...go and make disciples...” of Jesus’ love, when we can’t even share His love with each other?

We can start by giving God our circumstances (the “**O**rganic” matter) – and allow Him to break up, sift, and nourish us, like a farmer does with soil. Then, our roots – or “**N**etwork” of people, place, and things – will have a more fertile environment. From this, we can “**E**xtend” upward and outward, like the trunk and branches of a tree. Through working with other Christians we will become a fruit bearing tree, producing a full harvest, and providing either nourishment or seeds to generate new “trees.”

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...to easily find shoes. Also, in Korea, kilograms are used instead of pounds. If you do not know how recalculate the pound to kilograms, you may have trouble buying meat and fish in the marketplace.

It is very important for foreigners traveling in Korea to know not to look at strangers on the street and never say “Hi” to them. In many situations, American people will say “Hi” to people they have never met before, but in Korea, people do not greet strangers, and will look at you like you are crazy if you do. Koreans only greet those they already know. In addition, if your arm is jostled or bumped by someone as you are passing, do not expect to hear “Sorry.” Koreans will just keep on walking, and you might see only their back. Furthermore, in Korea, as in many Asian cultures, people do not enter a house wearing shoes. It is considered rude and unsanitary, so if you go into a house with shoes, the owner will get very mad.

And you thought that traveling to another country and meeting people of a different culture was going to be easy. This is good to keep in mind if you go on a missionary journey to other countries. Learn well about that culture. It will make for a much happier travel experience. Korea is a beautiful country and many different types of landscapes are within a short distance. If you want to see beautiful oceans or the mountains, you can reach them in two or three hours from anywhere in the country. Even though the country is much smaller than America – actually it’s half the size of California--you would need to spend more than a month to experience all the variety of Korean culture. You will find it well worth the time and effort to learn much about the culture to enhance your journey.



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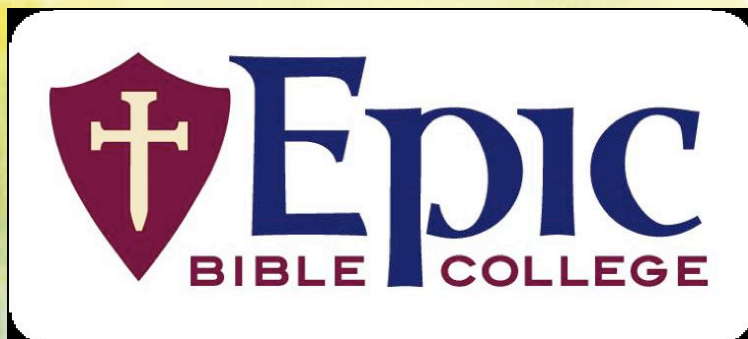
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