

THOUGHTS IN THE KEY OF “G”

BY G. MARSHALL-BROOKS.

Why Wait on God?

In nature all things must align. So it is with the God who created nature – all things must align. We expect the God of the universe to jump when we call and move time and space on our behalf. While He doesn't 'obey' our 'commands' in a sense moving time and space is exactly what he does do for us. However, our God is a purposeful God. Nothing He does is done without order, planning and a specific reason. He controls the lives of all six billion human

beings on this planet with a plan for each one firmly set in His mind.

Never does God move haphazardly. Never does He forget for a millisecond what He did before or how our lives are connected. Never does He favor one cry over another. Never does He become distracted. Never is he swayed by moods or circumstances. He is not a man that He should lie. God is not only perfect love, He is perfect.

Therefore when we ask Him to move on our behalf, He will indeed move

heaven and earth to answer that call. He loves us with a depth of love we cannot even imagine. He also moves with a purpose and plan that we cannot even imagine. Outside of time and space, inside of the creative mind of an omnipotent God, the miracle to fit our need is created and implemented.

Why wait on God? Because His is the more excellent way, the way of truth and life; the way of a perfectly aligned solution to our need.

Christmas in the Round

EPIC's annual Christmas party

Invite your family
and friends to celebrate

with us,
Friday, December 3
at 7:00 PM





WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL- WINTER 2010

BY PAULINA QUESADA

Welcome back returning students and welcome new students!

I would like to encourage every single one of you: this will be your best quarter to date. However, your success is dependent upon you! Here are some tips for being prepared to succeed at EPIC.

We all dread the thought of late night study sessions, research paper deadlines, page after page of reading, and keeping all of those due dates and class assignment organized. Trust me: it is possible. It just takes a little preparation time: and, now it that time!

First, do not be overwhelmed by the workload that must be done in order to pass a class or earn that "all important A." Do not stress over balancing your time with your family, job and God. These concerns can easily become distractions taking you off God's planned path if you don't take the time to organize your quarter. I cannot express

how important it is to place God at the center of all that you do. More importantly, when you continue to stay in the presence of God, you will walk in the Lord's peace.

Now, I know your professors have gone through each syllabus already, but it is imperative to re-read your syllabus to review each instruction and assignment. You need a comprehensive understanding of what is expected and the learning goals of each course. The syllabi explain in great detail class assignments, along with the EPIC policies on grading, attendance, and other important items. Make sure that if you must be absent from class to contact your professor. Make the effort to be a responsible adult and a good steward over everything that God is entrusting you to accomplish. Keep an open line of communication with all of your professors.

Next, take a moment to schedule time on your calendar

for studying and homework, carefully noting all assignment due dates. Developing a study schedule will keep you on track and you will not fall prey to procrastination. If you organize your schedule early, you will reap the benefits of beginning this new quarter with peace of mind and an effective plan of action to excel in learning all the God has for you here. If any of you new students have any further needs or questions please contact your professor or advisor. Also your Associate Student Body (ASB) officers are happy to be of help.

Before we jump into the new quarter, let's begin in prayer thanking God for refreshing our minds, renewing our bodies and reviving our souls. *Lord, you are my light and my salvation. You are the strength of my life. I pray that you will help me to be strong in my mind and Spirit so I do not fall into any traps of the enemy. Help me to hide your word in my heart so I will see clearly and not sin against you in any way. Thank you for your promise that if I abide in you and your word abides in me. In Jesus' name, I humbly ask that the fruit of your Spirit will grow in me and when the fruit comes forth, you will be glorified and honored. I thank you Holy Spirit for showing me the truth and the way. Amen!*

Union Gospel Mission

Outreach

Friday, December 17th from 7:30-8:30pm

Speaker:

Minister Wendell Rodgers Jr.



Worship Lead By:
Psalmist Iris Lopez



**Come share the love of
Jesus on the local mission
field.**

**Contact Epic office today at:
916-348-4689**

-Or-

**Minister Ron Smith at:
916-613-3177**

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.”
Matthew 5:6 (NIV)**

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This Week in Church History with Pastor Charlie

December 5

1349: 500 Jews were massacred at Nuremberg, Germany, in the "Black Death" riots. (Thousands of Jews were eventually burned alive, drowned, or otherwise murdered when a myth arose that the spread of the bubonic plague was due to a Jewish plot to destroy Christians by poisoning their water wells.)

1484: Innocent VIII issued his famous "Witch Bull," ordering an inquisition to systematically discover, torture, and execute witches throughout Europe. It led to the ease with which witchcraft was charged and punished, even in the American colonies two centuries later.

1496: King Manuel I ordered all Jews expelled from Portugal.

1848: Death of Joseph Mohr, the Austrian Roman Catholic vicar and author who, in 1818, wrote the great Christmas hymn, "*Silent Night*." ("*Stille Nacht*")

December 6

1849: Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery in Maryland. Called by many "the American Moses," she became an abolitionist, humanitarian, and devout Christian (and a Union spy during the Civil War). She risked her life on thirteen missions to rescue over seventy slaves.

December 7

374: The great early church father, Saint Ambrose, was consecrated as the Bishop of Milan, Italy. His influential works on theology and ethics made Ambrose (along with Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great) one of the original "four doctors" of the Western (Latin) Church.

430: At the Synod of Rome, Cyril of Alexandria, formally condemned the heresy of the monk Nestorius, who had claimed that there were two *separate* persons in the incarnate Christ (one divine, the other human).

1941: The Japanese launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii ("a date that will live in infamy"), thereby forcing the United States into World War II. (418,000 Americans died in WWII.)

December 8

1587: By order of Queen Elizabeth, her Catholic cousin Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was beheaded for

treason. (However, it's reported that Elizabeth felt "just terrible.")

1854: Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the "Immaculate Conception" in his apostolic letter, "*Ineffabilis Deus*." It asserted that by a singular grace granted by God, Mary was freed from original sin "in the first instant of conception."

December 9

1840: Scottish missionary and explorer, David Livingstone, set sail on his first journey to Africa.

1851: The first YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) in North America opened in Montréal, Quebec, Canada.

1863: Birthdate of G. Campbell Morgan, the great English congregational clergyman and Bible expositor. Morgan authored more than sixty Bible commentaries and books of sermons.

December 10

1520: Martin Luther publicly burned Pope Leo X's "*Exsurge Domine*," which demanded that Luther either recant his "heresies" or face excommunication.

1869: Women were given the right to vote for the first time in the United States in Wyoming Territory.

December 11

1475: Birthdate of Giovanni de' Medici, who became Pope Leo X, the last non-priest to be elected Pope. He excommunicated Martin Luther in 1521, calling him an "outlaw and heretic."

1518: Ulrich Zwingli, the leader of the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland, was elected "*People's Preacher*" at the Old Minster Church in Zurich, where he continued as pastor for the remaining 13 years of his life.

1620: The ship *Mayflower* landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, with 103 passengers. Because of disease and the harsh winter, only 53 people (including only four adult women) were still alive the next November to celebrate the first Thanksgiving.

1757: Birthdate of Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley and a leader of the Methodist faith. Charles published the words to over five thousand hymns, writing the words for a further two thousand, including: "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!*" and "*O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*."



Alumni and staff member Linda Talley and Pastor Karl Hus pose with Vicente Guerrero's newest home owner and daughter.

AN EPIC MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

What an awesome trip to Mexico from Epic Bible College. Our goal was to build a house for a single mom with one toddler and a newborn in the San Quinten area of Baja Mexico. Praise God we did it. The building is on a concrete slab. 440 square feet with two bedrooms and a kitchen. She was so excited--tears ran down her checks as she opened the door to her new home. Her old home had a dirt floor, no roof and it was only 8 feet by 8 feet square. We also had a blessed time feeding and clothing some of the poorest people in Mexico.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.
Pastor Karl



The Erma Fennell Foundation is one group providing food in this area to those in need.

We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

~ 2 Corinthians 10:4, NLT

I Wish You Jesus

I wish you joy and peace
to last a whole life long
I could wish you Sunshine,
A cheerful little song or
wish you all the happiness
that this life could bring
But I wish you Jesus
more than anything.
I could wish you leaves of gold
and that your path be smooth,
I could wish you treasures or
that all your dreams come true
I could wish you paradise
that everyday be spring
But I wish you Jesus
more than anything,
'Cause when I wish you Jesus
I have wished you everything.

*Adapted by Nan Yaw
from the song by Scott Wesley Brown*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Mercy Gift Wrapping Party

**Saturday, December 11th, 2-
5pm -- Lincoln, CA – Mercy
Ministries home**

Grab your wrapping paper, ribbon, and friends and join them as wrap Christmas gifts for the Lincoln Mercy girls! Please RSVP to bwallace@mercyministries.com. Mercy House will also be open during this time for tours. Invite your friends to come for hot chocolate and cookies and to see the home all decorated for the holidays!

Chaplain Volunteer Opportunities –with Training

Contact Professor Colburn for more information.

**Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like
wrapping a present and not giving it.”**

- William Arthur Ward



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