

Discover The Difference

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How Can I Get Through This Present Trial? Remember, Remember!

From Don Drake

I recently had open heart surgery. They saw the breast bone, pry it back to get to the heart, fix it, then wire it back in place. I don't remember much about the recovery room. After I was out in a private room, they kept offering me pain medicine. When I told them I didn't have any pain, they couldn't understand that. I was sore but no pain. This seemed so unusual to them and they kept saying, "Are you sure you don't want a pain pill?" Later I thought of the many hundreds of folks who were praying for me. I had prayed for my Radio Family many times and maybe now God was doing a little extra for me through their prayers.

Some medications they gave me did upset my stomach, but after they took me off some that my stomach couldn't handle, I was ok. Last week I went back to my surgeon. He said, "You don't need to come back I don't need to see you again." My other heart Doctor said, "Come back in six months." They think I am doing fine.

I have talked to some who had the same surgery and they tell me it will take a year to fully recover. Here I am four weeks after this surgery wondering how am I going to make it through these months of waiting. How can I get through this present trial?

I remembered God said to Israel, "You have forgotten the God that brought you out of Egypt" What a short memory we all have. We are so like the disciples. They took so lightly the supernatural feeding of thousands with just a few loaves and fishes. You would think they would be so excited announcing, Miracle Food fresh from God's oven, come get it while it's still hot.

Jesus performed this miracle twice, feeding five thousand one time and a crowd of four thousand the next. Yet a few days later, the disciples had completely forgotten an unbelievable miracle. It happened when Jesus warned them about the leaven of the Pharisees. The disciples thought he said this because they forgot to bring bread for their journey. Jesus said, "Do you not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves and the five thousand and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many baskets ye took up Matt. 16. The disciples watched these exciting miracles and yet a short time later they were filled with doubts and questions about having no bread. No wonder

Jesus said, "Do you not yet understand, **neither remember?**"

This is one of our failings too, remembering those times when we were in some crises and became desperate before God and won a victory. This is how we make it through the trials of life, remember the times when God sent His rescue squad from Heaven and took charge of the situation and it worked for your good and His Glory.

When David volunteered to fight the giant Goliath, Saul said to David, "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with Him" David said unto Saul, thy servant kept his fathers sheep and there came a lion and a bear and took a lamb out of the flock, and I went after him and smote him and delivered it out of his mouth and the Philistines shall be as one of them. David was **remembering** his past deliverances.

Whatever crises you may be facing, just look back and remember past victories, God has not changed and He is still on call, and so desires to be trusted.

Moses' dying words to Gods people were "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" Deu.31:6

Dates to Remember:

Anniversary Celebration – August 13

National Quartet Convention – September 12 – 17

Fall Share-A-Thon – October 14 - 23

Be sure and listen to WDFB for more details on these items.

Visit our website:
www.wdfb.com

We now have a calendar online and you can view all these special dates!
We also have all the Anniversaries & Birthdays online now!

GREETINGS FROM JIM GASKIN

This little visit must start with Praise to God for the successful surgery on Bro. Don! How thankful we are to see him improving! We've all had our problems, but none that God's grace and mercy can't handle. This spring has been different from any other at WDFB. By the time you read this I will have had surgery for a removal of cancer from my left lung. Doctors say it is isolated to the tumor with no sign of it in the lymph nodes and other tissue around it. Complete recovery is expected. My faith is strong and I appreciate your Prayers.

Mildred and Cindy have had their problems, too; Lois' sister, Joyce Sutton died (our sympathies to Lois). But, we have prayerfully supported each other and had the help of so many of our listeners. We are grateful!

Share-A-Thon was just great!

Steve Green brought me some cotton seeds from Jacksonville, AL and I shared them with several people. I put out a few seeds in my front yard and I have three healthy plants. Cotton grows well in Kentucky. It's pretty; just a conversation piece.

Congratulations to WHBN, Harrodsburg, KY. June 25 was their 50th anniversary. Bob and Joann Martin sold the station to Home Town Radio here in Danville a few years ago, but Bob continues his on-air work because he enjoys it. Joann was there when the station signed on in 1945 and Bob joined the staff the following year. We have excellent relations with the other radio stations; competitors, yes, but we're friends and help each other.

Thank you! God Bless You!

**If daily there's no attack from satan – your
no threat to him.**

**God has promised to His children victory not
just survival**

From Lois Wilson...

Well here we are in July, where did Spring go? It's definitely Summer now! A lot of things have happened since the last newsletter in March. We had a great Spring Share-A-Thon, it seems like each one is different. We had new callers, people that just heard about WDFB and shared with us for the first time, this is great to have so many wonderful people to help us send the Gospel all around the world, we couldn't do it if our listeners didn't help. Thanks to everyone who shared in any way.

I lost a sister (Joyce Sutton) in June, she went home to be with Jesus after being at Stanford House for 22 years but was one of the happiest people I've ever seen, always Praising the Lord and telling everyone that she had so much to be thankful for!! I think we take so much for granted, if we have health, able to get out and work, go to Church, we should be Praising the Lord!

We're so thankful that Bro. Drake is doing well after going through open heart surgery, staying in the hospital for 10 days. It's good to see him out walking as I'm writing this. It's another answer to the prayers of God's people, we are all "laborers together", to win souls for the Kingdom of God.

We're excited about our 20th Anniversary singing at Danville First Church Of God on August 13th. Keep us in your prayers.

**God is at Home....it's we that has
gone out for a walk!**

Thoughts from Jr Fields.....

Hello friends, it's newsletter time again. It wasn't that long ago that I just did a newsletter article, either my memory is fading or time is slipping by faster and faster. It's probably a little of both! Didn't we have a great Share-A-Thon? I thought we did, the Lord blessed spiritually and financially. I've been helping at the station more since Bro. Drake had his open heart surgery and recovery. I guess that was God preparing me to step in and help even before Don went under the knife. God works in mysterious ways, doesn't He? Anyway, keep listening to WDFB, keep praying for the ministry and pray for the folks who work behind the scenes to send out the Gospel all around the world!!!

From Don & Mildred Drake.....

It is hard to believe Summer is here and will soon be gone....where does the time go??

Don and I along with the WDFB Staff want to say a BIG Thank You for being a part of the Spring WDFB share a thon. For those of you who are on the internet, you can view the pictures at www.wdfb.com.

Thanks to you for your love and gifts. Thanks to all who sang, played, prayed, testified, answered the phone, brought food, helped clean, called, came by and sent emails... oh what a blessing you are.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time to help WDFB in anyway. We appreciate you.

A lot has happened since Share-A-Thon. June 16th Don had a stent put in. He was to have two more put in, but was nauseated and a little dizzy. I took him to ER in Danville. They sent us to St. Joe East. Dr. did heart cath and said stents would not work now and must have triple by pass surgery. We were then transferred to St. Joe and he had the surgery on June 4th. It was very successful. He never had a pain pill in the hospital or since he has come home. He has had stomach problems, probably from the medications.

He is gaining his strength and we want to Thank you for praying for him. Please continue to pray for him. We are so happy everything happened as it did and was taken care of before he had a heart attack.

We want to say a BIG Thank You to Cindy, Lois, Jr. and Jim and all who helped answer the phone and keep everything going while Don and I were in the hospital. What a blessing you are to us and our listeners. God had prepared Jr. Fields to do the Family Altar. Thank God, He can see ahead and prepares the way. Thank God for those who are willing to say as the new song we play, Whenever, Wherever, Whatever by Dennie Hanna. Thank you Jr. for allowing God to prepare you.

Thanks for all the cards, notes and expressions of your love. Don has read over and over the cards and messages...What a blessing. I have enjoyed them too!

Another bit of info. Don had 'Sugar' our faithful dog put to sleep. She had several physical problems. We all miss her very much.

Thank God for bringing Jim Gaskin thru lung surgery on July 6th. I was really surprised when he talked to me on the phone the day after surgery. Dr's removed all the cancer and that is good news. Continue to pray for him. You may send him cards to WDFB or at his home: 429 N. Maple, Danville, KY 40422.

Due to Don's surgery, we have set WDFB's 20th Anniversary Celebration Aug. 13th. It will be very different and I pray very good and spiritual and everyone will be blessed, encouraged and lifted up.

We want our Anniversary Book to be very special too. We would love to hear from you. Let us know what WDFB means to you. We will include as many as we can in the Booklet. You can mail, fax or email your comments. We need these before the 25th of July!!!

We look forward to seeing you Aug 13th at the Danville First Church of God, 3220 Harrodsburg Rd. (Hwy 127) at 6 p.m.

Until Then, God Bless You,

Don and Mildred



**Don't forget.....
Visit us at the Boyle County
Fair – July 18 – 23rd.
Anniversary
singing....August 13th
at 6 PM.
(Danville First Church Of
God)**

From Cindy Pike.....

Happy 20th Anniversary WDFB!!!! Can you believe "we" have been here for 20 years! It's only by God's grace that we have been able to continue....when I think of when I first came to work here and how things were then, I'm so thankful that God sees the future!

If you've read thru this newsletter, then you've already got the "scoop" on what's been going on around here....I'd just like to add my thanks for everyone who helped during the Share-A-Thon....and I would especially like to thank all of you who helped during Bro. Drake's stay in the hospital. We needed you and you really came through for us. Thank you, Jessica Cox, Wayne, Vicki & Hagan Wesley, Kimberly McIntyre, Connie Statom, Candice Montgomery, Lisa Fields, Lillie Taylor, Jolene Hutchinson, Vyvan Wilson and anyone else I may be forgetting at the moment....you were a real blessing when we needed you the most! Thank you!!! Continue to pray for all of us....especially Bro. Drake and Jim. Also those who have lost loved ones in the last few weeks....Jr & Lisa Fields and also Lois Wilson.

We look forward to seeing you on August 13th....I'm excited about this celebration, I think it will be a wonderful blessing and am expecting a GREAT service! Be listening to WDFB for more information....but it will be August 13th.....6 PM at the Danville First Church Of God.

Oh and before I forget it, come by and visit with us at the Boyle County Fair July 18th thru the 23rd! We'd love to see you there and be sure and register for the prizes we are giving away!!!

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