

Troops on the Border:

by Glenn Mollette

Many years ago my two sons and I took a few days and traveled to Southern California. We enjoyed seeing some sights in Los Angeles and San Diego. It’s was one of those fun things we did I’ll always remember.

One thing not so fun was our decision to cross the border into Tijuana, Mexico. We had never been to Mexico and thought it would be interesting to visit and then we could say we had been there. We drove to a parking lot just on the border and left our car and took a designated walkway path that led us right into Mexico. We were greeted by lots of taxi drivers who offered us a ride. We climbed into a cab and got our ears full into the town of Tijuana. The taxi driver was full of expletives about what Tijuana was all about which was mostly drunkenness and prostitution. It felt like the taxi ride from hell. I was embarrassed for our family and was glad when we could get out of the car.

I felt like we had stepped into a scum hole. There was nothing really worth seeing in Tijuana and every other build-

ing was a loud bar with lots of men on the street begging us to come in to see the prostitutes. We probably survived our visit maybe an hour hoping to see something worth seeing before we finally found a taxi to take us back to the border. The driver on the way back laughed and said, “We have nothing here worth seeing or losing. We are not like the United States. We have nothing to lose.” When we got out of the taxi there was a long line of people waiting to get through customs back into the United States. What took only a minute to cross into Mexico took us almost two hours that day to get back into our country. We were so glad to cross back into California.

I don’t have anything against Mexico. There are lots of beautiful vacation spots and lovely people in that country. I eat breakfast at a place in our town operated by wonderful people from Mexico. However, the taxi driver was right in one point of his comparison between Mexico and America. We are worth something and have plenty to lose in this

country.

A friend of mine just moved from a Texas border community and was irritated because someone from Mexico came across the border and stole his motorcycle. “I’ll never see it again,” He said. He also told about families he knew close to the border who would never let their children play outside alone. “Those families are terrified of their children being kidnapped and taken across the border. They know if that happens they will never see their children again.”

Utilize our national guard on the border. Drugs are flowing into our nation from Mexico. People are still crossing illegally. We need to protect our people. Our borders should be crossed legally and people should abide in our country legally. America is worth protecting.

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Church News

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Jesus Cares for Sinners

Along toward evening after one of the Jewish feasts, Jesus was tired and looked for a place where He could rest away from the confusion of the city, the eager crowds and away from His enemies. Jesus turned toward the quiet of the olive groves, where He could be alone with God. Jesus received guidance and help from His Father God during these times of communion with Him. But early the next morning He returned to the temple and sat down, and began to teach the gathering crowd of interested worshippers.

He was soon interrupted. A group of Pharisees and scribes approached Him dragging with them a terror stricken woman, whom they accused of violating the seventh commandment. Pushing her into Jesus’ presence they said, “Master, this woman was taken in the very act of adultery. Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned: but what do you say?” (*John 8:4,5*) The woman cowered at Jesus’ feet waiting for the first stone to hit her. She realized she was a sinner and deserved to be stoned to death.

His enemies had laid a plot for Jesus’

ruin. If Jesus should say the woman was free to go, He would be charged with despising the biblical Law of Moses. On the other hand if Jesus should declare she was worthy of death, He would be accused to the Romans as assuming authority that only they had.

Jesus looked upon the scene – the trembling victim in her shame, the hard faced dignitaries, devoid of human pity. Giving no sign that He had heard the question, He stooped down and began to write in the dust. Impatient of delay and Jesus’ apparent indifference, the accusers came closer urging Him to answer them. Then their eyes followed Jesus’ hand as He wrote in the dust. There they saw the guilty secrets of their own lives.

Raising up Jesus fixed His eyes on the plotting elders, and said, “He that is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her.” Then He stooped down and continued writing. In wisdom He had not set aside Moses’ Law or infringed on the authority of Rome. The woman’s accusers were defeated. Now their pretended robes of holiness were torn from them and they stood guilty and condemned in the presence of perfect purity. They

trembled for fear their hidden secret sins should be laid open before the people gathered around. With bowed heads they left leaving their victim with the pitying Savior.

Jesus stood up and asked her, “Where are your accusers?” She said, “No man, Lord,” then in love Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.” (*verses 10, 11*)

When Jesus said this her heart was melted and she threw herself at Jesus feet sobbing out her grateful love and with bitter tears confessed her sins.

Jesus knows the circumstances of every person. The greater our guilt, the more we



need the Savior. His heart of divine love and sympathy is drawn most to those who are most hopelessly entangled in the traps of our enemy. With His own blood He has signed the papers setting us free from our sins. What a wonderful Savior is Jesus our Lord! He says to you, and all of us, “Neither do I condemn you, go, and sin no more.” Won’t you accept Him as your Lord and Savior right now? He is waiting for your response.

Community Bible Church

Setbacks in Joseph’s Life

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. *Romans 5:3-4*

In our morning study at Community Bible Church, we are looking at the life of Joseph. Our series is called “Joseph and the Will of God.” Joseph is one of my favorite Old Testament personalities because of the way he faced adversity.

In the winter Semester of 2000, I taught Boys’ Bible at a Christian School in Redding, California. These boys were 11, 12, and 13 years old. Some of the lessons covered the life of Joseph. This lesson dealt in particular with Joseph’s time as a slave, his being sentenced to prison unjustly, and his final vindication by God as he became the second to Pharaoh and was given authority over the entire land of Egypt.

At the end of each chapter there were questions for the boys to answer, which we then corrected in class. One of the questions asked, “What were the two major setbacks in Joseph’s life?” The answer the book expected was, “He was sold into slavery and cast into prison.” One young man in the class raised his hand to venture an alternative answer. He said, “He did not really have a setback.” That was a wrong answer

according to the workbook, but it was a right answer according to God’s Word. That young man showed a spiritual perceptiveness unusual in someone his age.

Yes, Joseph experienced difficulties, but he did not have setbacks. In every situation he faced, God was at work: training, maturing and preparing him for his position as second in command of Egypt; and also preparing him for the time he would again be in contact with his brothers.

What we might view as setbacks are really opportunities to see God at work in our lives. The power of the Christian life is not the absence of trials and tribulation; it is the power and presence of God to take us through them. When you face the hard times that will inevitably come your way, there are some things you should ask of the Lord:

1. Lord, what are you teaching me?
Changing of mind
2. Lord, how are you training me?
Discipline of body
3. Lord, where are you taking me?
Change of Circumstance
4. Lord, help me respond in faith.
Spiritual growth

Remember, God knows the future, and we don’t. His plans are eternal and ours are not. God’s will is always best. Trust Him and keep on keeping on. See you Sunday.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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