

MOVING UP HIGHER

with  
*Joyce Meyer*



Are you a believer or achiever?

We have been saved by grace...through faith. What a wonderful gift! Sadly though, too many Christians live the way it's described in Galatians 3:3: "...Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh?"

That's a really good question to ponder. How do we get ourselves into that place? I think whether we realize it or not, many of us enter into a relationship with God by faith, but then try to maintain that relationship by our own methods. We believed Him for our salvation but try to make that salvation work on our own.

It's so sad too, because all this effort is fruitless. We work and work to change ourselves only to end up frustrated time and time again. Sure, maybe we see some small changes here and there, but only when we ask God for His help and depend on His Spirit to lead us will we begin to see real, lasting changes in our lives.

There's a beautiful illustration in the book of Zechariah of the way things should be with us. It describes a golden lampstand with a bowl on top that is being continuously supplied with oil from two olive trees on either side of it.

Now, most of us know that oil represents God's Holy Spirit. And this lamp is being continuously supplied with oil through that bowl. That's what we need, a continuous supply of God's power. You see, we cannot fix ourselves; it just won't happen by our strength or power, our own effort, but only ...by My Spirit [of Whom the oil is a symbol], says the Lord of hosts (Zechariah 4:6).

That's the power of grace. And we certainly need this kind of power to meet all our issues and obstacles in life.

Here's another illustration: Think of a hot day...you're uncomfortable, sweaty and even a little irritable. It's hot! But there's a fan. You pick it up and hold it up to your face...nothing. It's still hot! You examine the fan...it has all the necessary parts, but nothing is moving. You're more uncomfortable now. And then you see it...the cord is not plugged in. That's what it needs—that continuous supply of electric current to run it. But it must be plugged in.

And that's what we need—to plug in. The Holy Spirit is our continuous supply of God's power, His grace for our lives. Our victory is not in the methods or principles we exercise. You can't buy grace by prayer or study or confession. These things may be beneficial to you, but your victory in life comes from being plugged in to the

continuous supply of the Holy Spirit.

Think of it like this: Farmers have formulas for planting...but not for harvesting. Our methods and principles are like seeds. But God's grace produces the harvest.

It's our choice whether we depend on humanism—our own efforts...or grace—God's power. We can work in the flesh or let the Holy Spirit lead. We can literally spend our entire lives exercising our own efforts, seeing only minimal change in our lives. Or we can learn to depend on the Holy Spirit to guide us, according to God's plan for our life, and begin to see real change. The sooner we realize that we can't do it without His help, the sooner we will realize that we can relax and "plug in." The pressure is not on us any longer...it is God who will finish what He started when He saved us (see Philippians 1:6).

So you can be a believer or an achiever. The achiever works and works...saved by grace but living by human effort. The believer rests in the grace of God and follows the leading of the Holy Spirit into an abundant productive victorious life.

We each have the choice before us. We can pray and study and confess scriptures all day long. There's nothing wrong with that. We will achieve a little bit of change in our life. Or we can pray and study and confess God's Word as the Holy Spirit leads us—and believe Him for not only lasting change, but everlasting life!

So, which one will you be... believer or achiever?

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IN MEMORIAM

Henry Hugh Martin  
1937-2016

Henry Hugh Martin, 79, of Eugene, Oregon passed away Aug. 3, 2016.

He was born June 10, 1937 in Phoenix, Arizona to Alfred and Pearl (Thomas) Martin.



Henry played football for and graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1956, the same year CGHS won state. He attended both Chico State and California Baptist College.

Henry served as a yeoman in the US Navy on the USS Hornet.

He married Rosanna V. Patton on Aug. 2, 1958 in Gridley, Calif.

Henry began his career as a fireman in 1961, serving the Eugene Fire Department for 31 years and serving the last 10 years at Station #3 as Captain.

He moved his family from the city to the country to pursue family farming initially as a hobby, but later it led to a prosperous business.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eugene. He loved fishing, hunting and growing roses.

Henry is survived by his wife, Rosanna V. Martin of Eugene, two sons, Clayton Martin and wife Pamela of West Linn, Ore. and Todd Martin and wife Tandy of Antelope, Ore., a daughter, Renee Dickson and husband Dale of Eugene, Ore., two brothers, Don Martin of Mill City, Ore. and Larry Martin of Temecula, Calif., two sisters, Karen Procter and Beverly Kelly, both of Cottage Grove, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 at Cottage Grove High School's Cafetorium, 1375 S. River Rd., followed by interment at Fir Grove Cemetery. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

William Howard  
Fisher  
1934-2016

William Howard Fisher, 82, of Creswell, Oregon passed away Aug. 1, 2016.

He was born March 22, 1934 in Eugene, Oregon to Lawrence Allen and Cora Alice (Neal) Fisher.



William was a Janitor at Lynx Hollow Grade School during the 1950s. He did janitorial work for Walker Cemetery up until the time of his passing. He helped with various cemetery duties.

He loved his cats and was a collector of cat art. He enjoyed being with his brother hunting and fishing and being outdoors picnicking with his nieces and nephews. He walked every day, greeting people as he passed.

He was a long-standing member of Dorena Grange.

Survivors include a sister, Mildred (James) Boyce of Cottage Grove, a brother, Delmar "Bud" (Bernice) Fisher of Creswell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marian Strong.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 at Walker Church, north of Cottage Grove, with burial following at Walker Cemetery.

Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Memorial/Death  
Notice

Socorro Segovia Grace, 85, of Cottage Grove passed away Aug. 4, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove.

Memorial Notice

Fred Sammut, 52, of Cottage Grove passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Chapel in Cottage Grove.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Neighborhood  
Watch

A Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at London Grange (72746 London Road, Milepost 10) on Monday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Those interested can call Ken or Alice at 541 942-6148 for more information.

Support group for  
moms

Beginning Friday, Aug. 12, South Lane Mental Health will be offering a professionally facilitated support group for mothers. The group is open to pregnant women and women with young children. It will meet on Fridays, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at South Lane Mental Health, 1345 Birch Ave. in Cottage Grove. Babies up to 12 months are welcome.

Those interested in joining the group or learning more can contact Davide Costley at (541) 767-4215 or [Davide.Costley@slmh.org](mailto:Davide.Costley@slmh.org).

Rock the block

The Joanne Broh Band will kick off an evening of enter-

tainment on Friday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at a block party at the Brewstation in downtown Cottage Grove. The music of "grass-rock" band Deadwood Standing follows at 8:30 p.m. The Brewstation will donate \$1 of every pint sold to South Lane Mental Health to support services for children and adolescents.

Broh, of Eugene, is known for her powerful, soulful voice, while Deadwood Standing features a "mix of mountain music, punk attitude and rock beats."

The event runs until midnight.

Temporary road  
closure

Forest Service officials will temporarily close Forest Road 2216 at milepost 2.31 on the Cottage Grove Ranger District beginning Aug. 8 as a contractor replaces a stream-crossing culvert. Any through traffic will be

rerouted on a detour using Forest Roads 5850 and 1746. The closure may continue through Aug. 15.

The work site is about four miles northeast of Lund Park Campground and two miles north of Upper and Lower Park-er Falls.

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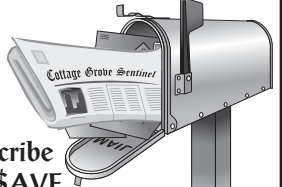
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