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Faith becomes a part of who you are

Something I've learned over the years is that you cannot change yourself. It's spending time with God that transforms you.

One of the things the apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesian church was that the Holy Spirit would reveal Himself in their inner being and personality—that they would see who God had created them to be through Christ (Ephesians 3:16-17 AMPC).

God wants us to be firmly

rooted in the love of Christ so we can take authority over our enemy. And He wants us to be so stirred up in His love that we can't help but share it with others. I believe if every Christian were doing this today, it wouldn't take a lot of time for the entire world to hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

Faith leaves a footprint for others to follow

Ultimately, it's not the things we do but our faith that pleases God. He wants us to have faith for incredible things. And when we look to the heroes of faith in

Hebrews 11, we see how God was able to work in their lives because they believed. Hebrews 11:13 (AMPC) says that they were "controlled and sustained by their faith." And their faith still inspires us today.

Noah prepared an ark to save his family. It took many years to build it, and he was made fun of every single day because where he lived, there was no rain. The Bible says that by faith, Noah "became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith" (Hebrews 11:7 NIV).

By faith, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, with the hope that God might raise him from the dead (vv. 17-19).

Rahab was a prostitute but she chose to believe that God could use her in a mighty way. And because of her faith, she and her family were saved (v. 31).

What will be your great story of faith?

First John 5:4 (AMPC) says, "For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith."

Decide today that, with God, the impossible is possible. Amazing things can happen when you choose to believe. So be bold in asking God to reveal what His promises mean for you, and never stop believing for them to be fulfilled.

STEMS

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a cutting with at least a couple of nodes (where the leaves and buds attach to the stem). With deciduous cuttings, make sure to keep track of the top and bottom of the cutting: buds on the shoot always point to the tip. If you can't tell which side is up, cut the tip at an angle and the bottom straight.

Bundle them up and take them to your workstation. Remove bottom foliage from the cutting, leaving two leaves or leaf buds

at the top. If they have berries or fruit, remove those, too. Be careful not to tear the bark. If the plant is evergreen and has large leaves like a rhododendron, cut off half of each leaf.

Snip off a bit from the bottom of the stem to refresh the cut. Dip the bottom end of the stem in rooting hormone and stick in the tray 1/2 to 1 inch apart. Press "soil" around the cutting.

Apply water so that the mixture is thoroughly moist but not

sopping wet.

Place in a sheltered spot where the cuttings get the most shelter you can provide.

If it doesn't rain or the cuttings are under an eave, keep them watered.

When the forecast predicts freezing weather, bring the trays inside. Put them out as soon as the temperature comes back above 32 degrees.

Don't worry if leaves start to fall off; it's natural. But clean them out of the tray to keep them from rotting and causing disease.

In late March or early April, tug on a couple of the cuttings. If they don't budge, they've rooted. If so, transplant them into 4- or 6-inch pot, depending on the size of cutting. If more roots have grown than will fit in the pot, don't be afraid to trim them.

OFFBEAT

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night, Bowker fired, sending a bullet whistling past Hecker's ear and off into the night. Hecker, luckily, had borrowed a .45 automatic from his former employer, so he whipped that out now and returned fire. One shot, to the head. And then there was blood everywhere.

Hecker had brought a hop sack to put the cases of liquor in. Now he stuffed the body into it and laid it somewhere out of sight, probably on the floorboards of the car. He was, of course, freaking out; he couldn't go back to Portland, possibly ever; Bowker's brother would be gunning for him now. So he drove south, making for his hometown of Albany.

"I needed gasoline," he told the jury. "I thought I could get it some place where they wouldn't know me. I saw a filling station at what they call Horseshoe Park (St. Paul). I drove in and got the gas and tried to act natural so they wouldn't suspicion me. The man didn't say anything ... he just looked hard at me."

He then drove, in confusion and dismay and panic, around Albany until he came upon the old bridge over the Calapooia, where he stopped and got the

hop sack — still dripping blood — and heaved it over the rail.

Then he cleaned himself up as best he could in the field, checked into the hotel to clean himself up more thoroughly, and drove back to Portland. Somewhere along the way he stopped to clean up the car some, too.

It was a pretty good story. But there were several reasons why it was hard to buy. First, as the prosecutor was not slow to point out, the only witness to Frank Bowker's boorish behavior and plans to rob "Bob" was the man who had killed him. Also, Hecker had gone through Bowker's pockets after killing him. Why would he do that, unless intending to rob him of the liquor-buying money?

But most damningly, there was no evidence that more than one shot had been fired. Witnesses near the bridge testified to only having heard one. So, what about that .38 shot, with which Bowker allegedly tried to kill Hecker, making it self-defense? With his eyes full of the muzzle flash of that .38 going off in his face, how likely was it that Hecker would be able to see (and shoot) Bowker's head? And how did Hecker account for the shot having entered the back of Bowker's head rather

than the front?

On the other hand, had Hecker set out to murder Bowker, he would hardly have used a borrowed car and gun, or driven half the night with a body in the car to within blocks of his parents' house only to stay in a hotel — would he?

Maybe not. But when sent into its chambers to ponder these things on July 1, the jury took only an hour or so to come to a decision: Guilty of first-degree murder.

Four days later, he was sentenced to be hanged. It never happened, though. A combination of good timing, excellent counsel, a phenomenally lucky break and the intervention of a naïve newly-elected governor resulted in Hecker's sentence being commuted; in fact, 15 years after his death sentence was handed down, he was a free man.

The full story of the Bowker murder can be found in Cory Frye's book, *Murder in Linn County, Oregon*. It's presented there as a sort of side dish to the main course, which is the Plainview killings — a tragic episode in the tiny Linn County hamlet of Plainview that happened two months later, in which the county sheriff and a local pastor

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber Director to address 912

Travis Palmer, Executive Director of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main.

Got waffles?

The Masonic Center is hosting its waffle supper for the community on Friday, Nov. 4 from 4-7 p.m. Adults are \$6.50; Children 13 and under are \$4.50. The Center is located at 33322 Row River Road.

Scouting for Food happens Saturday

Local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts will be knocking on doors in Cottage Grove neighborhoods this Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-noon collecting canned food and other non-perishable goods to donate to Community Sharing. Those who would like to donate and will not be home can place their donations in a bag on their doorstep with a label that says "Scouting for Food." Those interested in more information can contact Christie Johnson at 541-214-5931.



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US Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy announces 2011 theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy today announced the official theme for October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month: "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities." The theme honors the contributions of workers with disabilities and serves to inform the public that they represent a highly skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today's global economy.

"Return on investment means hiring the right talent," said Kathy Martinez, assistant secretary of labor for disability employment policy. "Workers with disabilities represent all skill sets and are ready to get the job done. This year's theme focuses on improving employment opportunities that lead to good jobs and a secure economic future for people with disabilities and the nation as a whole."

As background, Public Law 176, enacted by Congress in 1945, designated the first week in October each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." President Harry S. Truman designated the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to carry out the observance. In 1962, the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to acknowledge the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed its name to "National Disability Awareness Month," which eventually evolved to its current name. The Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy took over responsibility for National Disability Employment Awareness Month in 2001.

ODEP's mission is to provide national leadership by developing and influencing disability-related policies and practices to increase and enhance the employment of people with disabilities.

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