



“A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance...”
Proverbs 15:13a

I'm full of holes, yet I'm full of water. What am I?

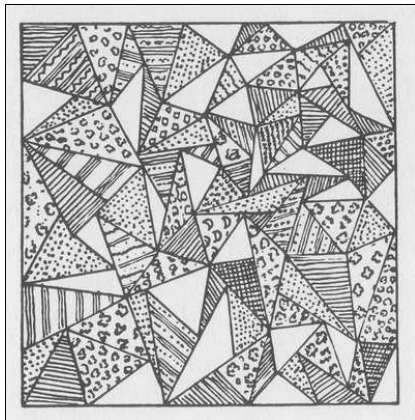
If you need a clue to make sure that you're sure then check out this section of scripture found in Mark 15:15-39 and look for the word that fits the riddle.

Two words is my answer. In order to keep me, you have to give me. What am I?

Need a clue? Read Matthew 12:22-37. The answer is in there somewhere.

Round like an apple, deep like a cup, yet all the king's horses cannot pull it up.”

What do you think it is? Need a clue? Read Genesis 29:1-13 and John 4:1-14 and look for the word that they have in common that answers the riddle.



A perfectly symmetrical star is hidden in the design above; can you find it?

Lilies of the Valley Newsletter

Luke 12:27-28 "Consider the lilies how they grow"

A Ministry of Blackstone Valley Baptist Church

Far above Rubies **Exels**
Manager **TRUSTWORTHY**
Reaches her hands to the needy **Provider**
Not afraid for her household
She will rejoice **WISE**
Good
Virtuous
Kind *Woman*
Her husband praises her
Her children call her blessed
STRONG **Charitable**
Bears fruit
Rises early *Her own works praise her*
Fears the Lord **IS NOT IDLE** **Honorable**
Works willingly with her hands

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Mother-Daughter Brunch

May 3rd

11:00am

Sign-ups in the front of the church.



Upcoming Gatherings:

June 17th - Making Natural Products with Chrissie Landry

July 15th - Fun in the SONShine

“The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” Titus 2:3-5



*Ladies Prayer Time.
Tuesday Mornings
at 10:00a.m.*

Lilies of the Valley Meeting Recap Preparing for Emergencies

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

Power and peace come in preparedness.



In our last meeting Mrs. Melanie Berchtold talked about preparing for emergencies. She gave some examples of people in the Bible who were prepared. Joseph stored grain to save Egypt, Exodus 37, 38-45:1-8; The example of the ten well prepared virgins,

Matthew 25:1-13; and the prepared women in Proverbs 31. We are to be prepared not out of the “spirit of fear” but as a part of stewardship.

She talked about several forms of emergencies; personal, local, regional, and or national. Consider your home, your resources, skills, normal surroundings in a typical day, week etc. Who depends on you? Take a few minutes to consider “What if..”

It was also suggested that we prepare a 72 hour emergency kit in the event that we need to leave the house quickly, or lose power for several days.... This kit would include such things as: food and water, medication, emergency supplies, and any paperwork needed (enough for each member of your family for each day). You should also have a kit for your vehicle, office, and other place that you spent a lot of time at. There are many websites that will give you examples of what to add to these kits.

The discussion also came up for preparing in the event of a death. You need to be aware of your families finances, accounts, wills or living trusts, monthly bills, credit cards, insurances, and any other important documents. It is a good idea to gather all your important information and assemble a binder. That way if something should happen to any member of your family you have all your important information you need in one place. If you are interested in a check-list please see Mrs. Erica Bissonnette.

WHO WERE THEY???



RUTH & NAOMI

The stories of several people in the Bible are woven together so closely that they are almost inseparable. We know more about their relationship than we know about them as individuals. And in an age that worships individualism, their stories become helpful models of good relationships. Naomi and Ruth are beautiful examples of this blending of lives. Their cultures, family backgrounds, and ages were very different. As mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, they probably had as many opportunities for tension as for tenderness. And yet they were bound to each other.

They shared deep sorrow, great affection for each other, and an overriding commitment to the God of Israel. And yet as much as they depended on each other, they also gave each other freedom in their commitment to one another. Naomi was willing to let Ruth return to her family. Ruth was willing to leave her homeland to go to Israel. Naomi even helped arrange Ruth's marriage to Boaz although it would change their relationship.

God was at the center of their intimate communication. Ruth came to know the God of Israel through Naomi. The older woman allowed Ruth to see, hear, and feel all the joy and anguish of her relationship to God. How often do you feel that your thoughts and questions about God should be left out of a close relationship? How often do you share your unedited thoughts about God with your spouse or friends? Sharing openly about our relationship with God can bring depth and intimacy to our relationships with others.

Strengths and Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A relationship where the greatest bond was faith in God • A relationship of strong mutual commitment • A relationship in which each person tried to do what was best for the other
Lessons from their lives	God's living presence in a relationship overcomes differences that might otherwise create division and disharmony.
Key Verse	"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." Ruth 1:16-17

Taken from the KJV Life Application Study Bible

I Can See Clearly Now

Julia Bettencourt

"The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:8

I had to break down and get eyeglasses not long ago. The day I went to pick up my glasses I was just amazed when I put them on. I could see so clearly.

It is almost startling how much of a difference a pair of glasses can make. I guess I didn't realize how quick and how far my eyesight had slid downhill. I was used to looking at things through blurry eyes. Everything had been out of focus for so long that in my mind I had grown to believe that it was normal.

It was kind of frightening to come to the realization that being out of focus had become normal for me. I'm sure we get that way spiritually too. There are so many things in this old world that can cause us as Christians to have blurry vision. Sin can really cloud things up so we don't see clearly.

Here's some eye remedies:

- **For Spiritual Blindness** - If you've never accepted Christ and you are going through this world as blind to the things of God, open your eyes by giving your life over to Christ. A whole new world will open up for you. (2 Corinthians 4: 3,4)
- **For Overly Dry Eyes** - If you find you have no feelings for anything or for others around you, look through Christ's eyes of compassion and show your Christian love and you'll start to see the people in a new way. (1 Peter 4:8,9)
- **Watery Eyes** - If you find yourself constantly down, depressed and in tears, learn to be content. You'll be amazed at your outlook on life when you become content. (Philippians 4:11)
- **Cloudy Vision** - If you've gotten where you can't tell right from wrong, focus on the study of the Word of God more. It will set boundaries for you and give you a clearer vision and help you with your decision making. (Psalm 119:105)
- **Distorted Vision** - If life looks a little distorted to you and things aren't going like you think they should, pray more. It will bring things back into perspective and allow you to view life in a different way. (Philippians 4:6,7)
- **Objects In Your Eyes** - Find you easily judge and criticize others? Work on yourself first and get your own life in order. (Matthew 7:1-5)
- **Near Sighted** - Living life only in the here and now? Start focusing on eternity and realize what's really important. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

I'm sure I need to work on some of these things for my spiritual eyesight. I know I'd better not wait too long for an eye check up because life passes so quickly. Just in my physical need for eyeglasses, I realize how out of focus things can really get when you don't get help for your eyes in a timely manner.

So, are you out of focus?





Here are some quotes from the children at BVBC about their MOMs

I love my mom because:
"She is a good cook and loves the Lord."

I am thankful that she:
"Gave me the life I have."

I love my mom because:
"She is my mom."

I am thankful that she:
"Loves me."

I love my mom because:
"She has done so much for me; I am well-fed, warm, and raised me correctly in the image of our Lord."

I am thankful that she:
"Will do anything for me out of her way due to her love for me."

I love my mom because:
"She's a good mom, and cook, and does all the good stuff for us."

I am thankful that she:
"Gives us good food, and does all the good stuff for us, and gives me great school"

I love my mom because:
"She raised me and takes care of me"

I am thankful that she:
"is alive"

I love my mom because:
"She is the best mom ever."

I am thankful that she:
"works so hard for us."

I love my mom because:
"She loves the Lord and she loves me, that she cares about me. She puts her needs last and my needs first, and she wants me to grow strongly in the LORD!!!!"

I am thankful that she:
"Is willing to do anything for me and that she raised me well. I am also thankful that she came to this church because if not I wouldn't be here and I would be on my way to hell."

I love my mom because:
"She gives me lots of love and helps me through my hard times."

I am thankful that she:
"feeds me, loves me, helps me, and everything else that she does for me"

Mom,

Thanks for being my mom. I am truly blessed to have you for my mom. Thanks for helping me want to be a better person. Just knowing you would accept me no matter what made me want to make better choices for my life. I am who I am because of your examples.

I cry as I write this because I do not get to spend as much time with you as I would like too.

I remember you rocking me and singing with you, and that brings me comfort. I love you mom, God bless. Love your Lilly of the Valley

Sent in from a member of BVBC from their adult daughter.

