



The Faith Script

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If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)

If my people...

By Ron Herman

Challenges have abounded in 2020. The pandemic associated with the novel coronavirus has affected us all. Some of us have been impacted by family members or others close to us. The isolation of elderly in nursing care centers and all responsible citizens who are diligent to adhere to public health requests for responsible social distancing and when necessary self-isolation. I know my mother in her nursing home has not been coping very well with the isolation from her family. Compound that with the social unrest this summer and relentless political bickering the past 6 months has made many of us grow weary. This verse from II Chronicles is a great reminder for all of us. The passage begins with “*If my people who are called by my name...*” That is you and me, it was written to the nation of Israel, but it applies to all of us who have chosen to follow Christ. Then it goes on and asks us to do four things. (1) *humble ourselves*, (2) *pray*, (3) *seek His face* (4) *turn from our wicked ways*. If we are faithful to these things, he reassures us; that He *will hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our land*.

The first challenge for us is to humble ourselves. Paul reminded the Philippian church “*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.*” Philippians 2:1-3 (ESV) Paul emphasizes that we are to consider others as more important than ourselves. I have seen that modeled by many who mentored me over the years. One person that stands out as an important example of humility was John Cowley who was called to his heavenly home October 8th ([obituary](#)). He was a CPFI member who has served as a Board member and of the 33 past annual meetings I think I have seen him at nearly every meeting. At the Board meetings his quiet gentle personality often helped us remember that our focus should not be on ourselves, but on the people that He has called us to serve, reminding us to consider

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~A note from the Past-President~

Thank You Lord for The Lessons

Has the world as we know it been changed by the pandemic or is it really we who have changed. Clearly there are changes occurring in what we can do and how we do things; but I am coming to the conclusion that the real change occurred in me as I adapted to the world as my home and I learned to accept or even do things the world’s way instead of God’s way. I relied on the security that the world offered and began to trust more in my abilities and the resources of this world to be my hope. The Lord needed to get my attention and in these many months of partial confinement he is teaching me somethings that I want to share.

The gospel song “This world is not my home” is a great reminder for us as Christians.

*This world is not my home
I'm just a-passing through
My treasures are laid up
Somewhere beyond the blue.*

I have been asking myself if this is true then what do I need to remember, learn or do differently. I am pondering deeply three observations about myself that seem to differ from what God wants from me. I then share with you the verses (ESV) I am meditating on to help learn what God would have me do.

I want to walk by sight but God wants me to walk by faith. To help me do this I have been meditating on:

- 2 Corinthians 5:6-7. *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we*

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others more important than ourselves. During this time of the pandemic it is important that we all realize that caring for our patients and their families, and our gatherings with our church family and school activities may have to change as we consider others as more important than ourselves.

The next two charges, to pray and seek His face, require a personal commitment to focus our attention on the One who has made us His own. We may grow weary with all the extra protective measures that we may need to do to keep everyone safe and protect those we love but it is essential that we make the time to spend in prayer and seek God's face – His will for our lives. That is the foundation that will allow us to consider others as more important than ourselves and will give us the grace and wisdom to turn from our wicked ways. The end of the verse reminds us that when we humble ourselves and respect the Lord, then He will heal our land. Proverbs 22: 4 (ESV) echoes this same thought: *“The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.”* I am not suggesting a prosperity gospel, but we can be assured that God will bless us with His peace and hope when we are surrendered to Him.

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time to reflect on God's faithfulness and blessings this past year. Some may struggle with that this year, but it is my prayer that as you humble yourself, pray, seek His face and turn from you evil ways that you will find the ways that God has given you life and brought healing even through the tough times.

Ron Herman
CPFI Executive Director



are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

- Galatians 5:16. *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*
- Isaiah 40:31. *but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

I think I need things and activities to give life meaning but God says he is all I need. To help me understand this I have been meditating on:

- Lamentations 3:22-23. *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgement, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.*

I think I sometimes need to help God out but he wants me to know that he is sovereign and has everything under control. Th help me remember this I have been meditating on:

- Isaiah 41:10. *fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*
- Isaiah 55:8-9. *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

I share my experiences with you in hopes that it might help and encourage you.

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Save the Dates!

CPFI 2021 Annual Meeting & National Conference & National Student Retreat

May 26 to May 30

Doubletree by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront
3200 South Ocean Boulevard
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

National Student Retreat: May 26 to May 30

Annual Conference: May 27 to May 30

Registration opens January 1, 2021

(In order to keep all of our participants healthy and safe, we have modified our event to comply with the Covid-19 CDC guidelines.)

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Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI partners with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams are usually one or two weeks, and our goal is to have two pharmacists on each team. Below is a list of upcoming trips. For a complete list of the projects and dates, visit the [GHO website](#) which can be accessed from the CPFI website www.cphi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Thankfully GHO has been able to resume some of the trips after about 32 trips were cancelled this past 9 months. New safety protocols have been implemented and each trip participant will need to complete online training before being accepted to participate on a team. Here is the upcoming schedule:

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects	
Jan 16 – 23, 2021 Nicaragua	May 29 – Jun 4, 2021 Honduras - Surgery
Mar 6 – 14, 2021 Guatemala	May 29 – Jun 6, 2021 Honduras - Medical
Mar 13 – 21, 2021 Ecuador	Jun 4 – 12, 2021 Honduras - Surgery
Mar 20 – 28, 2021 El Salvador	Jun 11 – 24, 2021 Zambia
Mar 20 – 28, 2021 Dominican Republic	Jun 11 – 19, 2021 Ecuador
Mar 20 – 27, 2021 Nicaragua	Jun 19 – 26, 2021 Nicaragua
Mar 25 – Apr 3, 2021 Eastern Europe	Jun 19 – 27, 2021 Dominican Republic
Apr 3 – 10, 2021 Nicaragua	Jul 31 – Aug 8, 2021 Honduras
Apr 10 – 18, 2021 Athens, Greece	Jul 31 – Aug 8, 2021 El Salvador
May 7 – 17, 2021 Bethlehem (Full)	Sep 17 – 25, 2021 North Africa
May 14 – 28, 2021 North Africa	Oct 8 – 17, 2021 Thessalonica, Greece
May 14 – 23, 2021 West Africa	Oct 16 – 24, 2021 Dominican Republic
May 14 – 18, 2021 Nicaragua	Nov 12 – 21, 2021 Athens, Greece

The GHO website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of each trip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Keith Allhands, kwallhands@gmail.com the Mission Committee Chair for additional information.