

Love and Compassion Ministries

In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

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Celebrate Easter with someone you love.

Praise Our Lord This Day For He Paid The Price Of Our Sins
With His Death On A Cross and Arose From The Dead Three Days Later!
He Still Lives!



Jesus was born to die! He satated that "I came to seek and save the lost, and to give my life a ransom for many." (Matthew 18:11)

Because God loved you and me, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins so that we might have eternal life. Our Savior is not on the cross nor in the grave for death could not hold him. He was raised from the grave on the third day (Easter).

Because He lives, we are promised that we will also live again. Our faith will be rewarded.

Easter makes life worth living because we have confidence and hope for the future. Put your faith in the living Christ, to be your personal Savior and your Leader from this day on, for Jesus still lives!

Acknowledge your sins. Ask Jesus to save you. Believe His promise that He will, as found in His written Word, the Bible. Your life will never be the same. You'll be born again.

Then ask God what He would have you do for He has a job for you. Listen for His "still small voice." Get ready for doors of opportunity to be opened to you for God wants to bless you as you serve Him!

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN EASTER?

Edith Burns was a wonderful Christian who lived in San Antonio, Texas. She was the patient of a doctor by the name of Will Phillips. Dr. Phillips was a gentle doctor who saw patients as people. His favorite patient was Edith Burns. One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her big black Bible in her lap earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her. Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way:

“Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?” Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

Dr. Phillips walked into the office and there he saw the head nurse, Beverly. Beverly had first met Edith when she was taking her blood pressure. Edith began by saying, “My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?” Beverly said, “Why, yes I do.” Edith said, “Well, what do you believe about Easter?” Beverly said, “Well, it’s all about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up.” Edith kept pressing her about the real meaning of Easter, and finally led her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

After being called back in the doctor’s office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, “Dr. Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?” Dr. Phillips with a heavy heart said, “Your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you’re not going to live very long.”

Edith said, “Why, Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I’m going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket.”

Dr. Phillips thought to himself, “What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!”

Edith continued coming to Dr. Phillips. Christmas came and the office was closed through January 3rd. On the day the office reopened, Edith did not show up. Later that afternoon, Edith called Dr. Phillips and said she would have to be moving her story to the hospital and said, “Will, I’m very near home, so would you make sure they only put women, in my room, who need to know about Easter.” Well, they did just that and many women were saved. Everybody on that floor from staff to patients were so excited about Edith, that they started calling her *Edith Easter*, that is, everyone except Phyllis Cross, the head nurse.

Phyllis made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a “religious nut.” She had been a nurse in an army hospital. She had seen it all and heard it all. She was the original G.I. Jane. She had been married three times, she was hard, cold, and did everything by the book. One morning the two nurses who were to attend to Edith were sick.

Edith had the flu and Phyllis Cross had to go in and give her a shot. When she walked in, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, “Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and I have been praying for you.” Phyllis Cross said, “Well, you can quit praying for me, it won’t work. I’m not interested.”

Edith said, “Well, I will pray and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family.” Phyllis Cross said, “Then you will never die because that will never happen,” and curtly walked out of the room. Every day Phyllis Cross would walk into the room and Edith would say, “God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I’m praying for you.” One day Phyllis Cross said she was literally drawn to Edith’s

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room like a magnet would draw iron. She sat down on the bed and Edith said, "I'm so glad you have come, because God told me that today is your special day." Phyllis Cross said, "Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, "Do you believe in Easter, but you have never asked me." Edith said, "Phyllis, I wanted too many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked..." Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Edith said, "Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and that He wants to live in your heart?" Phyllis Cross said, "Oh, I want to believe that with all of my heart, and I do want Jesus in my life." Right there, Phyllis Cross prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. For the first time Phyllis Cross did not walk out of a hospital room, she was carried out on the wings of angels. Two days later, Phyllis Cross came in and Edith said, "Do you know what day it is?" Phyllis Cross said, "Why Edith, its Good Friday." Edith said, "Oh, no, for you every day is Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!"

Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis Cross came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies because she wanted to go up to see Edith and give her some Easter lilies and wish her a Happy Easter. When she walked into Edith's room, Edith was in bed. That big black Bible was on her lap. Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face. When Phyllis Cross went to pick up Edith's hand, she realized Edith was dead.

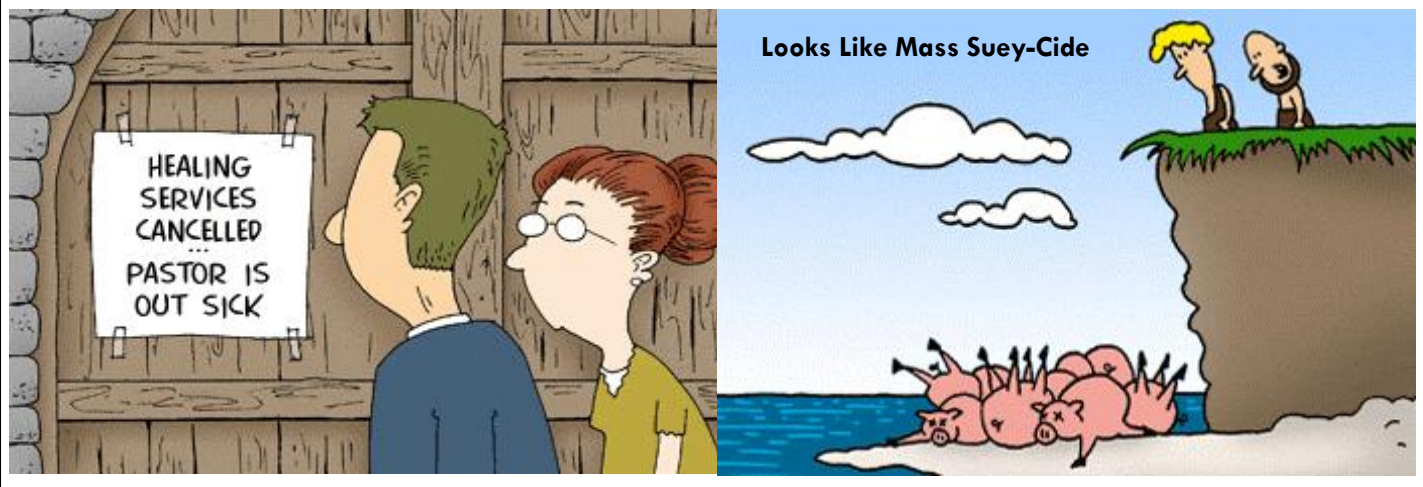
Her left hand was on John 14: "In my Fathers house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Phyllis Cross took one look at that dead body, and then lifted her face toward heaven, and with tears streaming down her cheeks, said, "Happy Easter, Edith -Happy Easter!" Phyllis Cross left Edith's body, walked out of the room, and over to a table where two student nurses were sitting.

She said, "My name is Phyllis Cross. *Do you believe in Easter?*"

April 4, 2010

What About You, Do You Believe In Easter?



God's Place ... The Promised Land

God's Place is a place where His people can bring honor and glory to our Lord. It is a place where people of all walks of life can get the help they need. I believe that God has used this time to ready us for battle. Satan does not want us to receive this land. He will do all he can to get us to give up. We are in a spiritual battle as never before for hundreds or maybe thousands of souls are at stake.

God says to stand tall. Confess to the world that He is Lord and believe that He can do all things. We can lay down or battle it out as God directs.

1. Pray for the people that will have to sign off on the land.
2. Pray for Florida Gulf Coast University and its trustees.
3. Pray for the ones that are hurting, homeless, troubled youth, imprisoned, veterans, and drug addicted.
4. Pray for our supporters and the people that believe in God's Place.
5. Don't put God in a small box.
6. Rejoice in that God has given all the land, buildings, and equipment to us! Speak it! Praise His Name!
7. Stay in the Word. Worship our Lord!
8. Please pray that God will raise up people that we need to help us run God's Place while weeding out the rest.
9. Pray for the ones that are called by God that they will not lose heart for God's Place to come about. May they have strength to see things through.

If you have not done so, please go to our website, www.LoveCompassion.com and look over the business plan and five year budget for the leasing of the facility.

Please send us a letter of endorsement recommending the state to lease the land to LCM instead of giving it to FGCU through an e-mail addressed to GP@lovecompassion.com.

Don't forget to go to our website www.LoveCompassion.com and sign the petition which will be forwarded to the state, showing that Christians wish the State to do what is right.

Thank You!

Ron Willis, President LCM

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Manage Your Emotions

You may find that you often experience very strong emotions, and as a result, many times managing your emotions may be hard to do. But didn't Jesus have emotions! He was full man and full God but he did experience emotions. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave He let us see His emotions.

John 11:32-38

32. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When **Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.**

34. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35. **Jesus wept.**

36. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37. And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38. **Jesus therefore again groaning in himself** cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

I just wonder how Mary and Martha must have felt. I would have been panic-stricken in a frenzy wanting for Jesus to come to our aid. I am sure that as soon as Lazarus died their fear became anger for they knew that Jesus could have saved their brother. Then when Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave what a rejoicing that had to be. What a mass of emotions that had to be. Crying tears of hope for their brother not to die, crying tears of sorrow when their brother did die and crying tears of joy for their brother's return to life. All in a few day's time.

Romans 12:15 says: Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

So when are we to not let our emotions get the best of us?

Lets look at Moses.

He was born of a Levi father and mother. They hid him for three months because Pharaoh commanded all the people to kill all the sons born of the Hebrew nation. His mother gave him up by putting him in an ark and placed him in the bulrushes where the daughter of Pharaoh took him in as her son. Moses' mother was given the job to nurse him. Moses grew up with nothing less than the best of everything.

Then one day Moses let his emotions get the best of him when he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. He killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand. After finding out that others saw what he had done he made his way to Midian where he met Jethro who gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. Moses became a shepherd and a father.

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Then one day Moses met God in a burning bush where Moses got his marching orders. Go back to Egypt and take His people to a land flowing with milk and honey. At the age of eighty Moses appeared before Pharaoh, but Pharaoh refused to release the Israelites, even for a brief period. God then afflicted Pharaoh and Egypt with ten plagues. When the Israelites arrived at the shore of the Sea of Reeds (Red Sea), with the Egyptians in pursuit, Moses raised his staff and the sea divided so that the Jews crossed it in the middle on dry land. Pharaoh and the Egyptians who were following drowned when the sea came crashing down on them. Moses and the Israelites then sang a song of praise and thanks to God. After a short period of wandering in the Sinai desert, the Israelites reached Mount Sinai.

Here God appeared to Moses again and gave him the ten commandments. While Moses was on the mountain, for 40 days and nights without eating or drinking the people forced Moses' brother Aaron to fashion a golden calf to serve them as a god. When Moses came down, **he let his emotions get the best of him.** He broke the tablets in his anger, burned the calf, ground the gold to powder and scattered it on water. Then he then forced the sinners to drink it. However, he also pleaded with God not to destroy His nation as a result of the sin, and God allowed them to live. Moses then went up to the mountain a second time and remained an additional 40 days and 40 nights in order to receive a second set of tablets. When Moses came down from the mountain, his face shined.

When the congregation started murmuring for lack of water and food, God provided both. God rained bread (manna) from heaven in the mornings and meat (quail) in the evenings. Later when the congregation started murmuring again for water, Moses was told by God to strike a rock with his rod and water would flow and it did as God said. But because the people said, "Is the Lord among us or not?", the congregation ended up having to fight the Amaleks to the death.

Moses was given God's statutes, commandments and the Ark of the Covenant. God made a covenant with Moses and the Israelites and they became God's chosen people (holy nation).

Then one day Moses let his emotions get the best of him when he was told by God to speak to a rock and that it would deliver water, but Moses struck the rock not once but twice. So Moses was punished, for disobeying God's command at Meribah and smiting a rock to obtain water instead of speaking to it as he had been commanded. His punishment was that he was forbidden to enter the Promised Land.

When Moses and the Israelites reached the borders of the Promised Land, God called Moses to Mount Nebo to die, and from there God showed him the entire promise land. Moses died at the age of 120.

At least three times Moses let his emotions get the best of him! Each time it caused problems yet God continued to use him in a mighty way. What about us... How many time have we allowed our emotions get the best of us? How did it affect us, our walk with our Lord, or even the people around us.

Other than Adam, Moses was as close as anyone could be to God yet both of them did not obey God. Through that disobedience we all became sinners causing God to send His Son Jesus Christ to this earth to die for our sins so that we could have a personal relationship and internal life with Him.

So, have we learned from Moses mistakes? How should we show our emotions and how should we keep them in check?



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Dear Friends,

What has happened to us? Less than sixty years ago people took care of each other. We lived in small towns where life was good. Water was cold, tasted great and was safe to drink. People worked hard and played hard. Everyone was kind, generous, and loving. People would leave their doors unlocked day and night. Everyone trusted each other. A man's handshake was gold. What a man said was better than a contract. People were genuine! They loved to get together and fellowship in each others homes. You felt love even from other children's mothers. When children were at other people's homes they knew that they better be on their best behavior.

Parents believed in punishing their children when they misbehaved and many times in front of the world.

Neighbors helped neighbors. They looked out for family! When a neighbor was in need all came to their aid. People loved to gather around and help each other. People went to Church three times a week and knew everything there was to know about family members. When someone died, everyone was at the funeral. People would cook and bring all kinds of food to eat after the service and for weeks after ward they would check on the bereaved family.

Today, we hardly know our own family members. Divorce is the norm. You sign a contract and it is worthless. Corruption is everywhere. People go to Church once or twice a year, while hating those days. People have a passion to receive and hate to give. They moan and groan about their job, their mate, service they receive, and yet never give a thought as to how they can give.

God never meant us to live this way! John 13:34-35 says: ³⁴. *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* ³⁵. *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Today, I am committing to being a better Christian, person, neighbor and giver. What about you? Won't you join me in seeing how we can make a difference in someone's life? If you make a commitment, be sure that you know what you are getting into and the cost. Luke 14:33-35 says: ³³. *So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.* ³⁴. *Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?* ³⁵. *It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dung-hill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

I pray that God will bless each of us with the ability to be all He wants us to be, know His desires as He gives us the ability to obey Him no matter what He asks, with all we have.

God Bless you all!

In the Presence of our LORD,

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prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!

If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our