



“A Sacrifice of Our Life”

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We have recently witnessed an assassination attempt on a presidential candidate. A shooter with a scope from a little over 100 yards away took aim for a head shot. The former president turned to gesture toward a visual chart at just the proper second, allowing the shot to merely clip him, wounding him on the top of his ear.

Thinking backward, in my lifetime a number of assassination attempts have occurred, I was in my second year of high school when the announcement was made of a president's death by assassination (John F. Kennedy in 1963), Less than five years later Robert Kennedy, popular candidate for the Democratic party was fatally shot by a different sniper's bullet. Then there were two assassination attempts on President Gerald Ford in the 1970's. A more serious incident occurred during the first year of President Regan's term. He was seriously wounded by a bullet, as were three other people due to the six shots fired by the gunman. In researching the matter, I learned that there have been 17 assassination attempts on American presidents.

Four of our presidents have been killed by gunmen. During some of the attempts, bystanders have been wounded or even killed. This was painfully true in the most recent attempt where three others were shot including a fireman, a beloved family man, who was tragically killed while shielding his wife and children from oncoming bullets.

The sad thought of this incident made me wonder: Who would I take a bullet for or shield and protect? Most of us would be selective in who and what we would die for; probably not for any current presidential candidates. Romans 5:7: “...scarcely for a righteous man would one die; yet even for a good man (some) might dare to die.” The verse following is particular in the inclusive rescue program of our God: “But God demonstrates his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” –Rom. 5:8.

We are reminded of the words of the loyal disciple, Peter, who boldly declared to Jesus, “I will go to prison and to death for you,” but before morning he would deny Jesus three times. Peter did bring a sword with him to the garden, and was prepared to fight to the death for Jesus. But Jesus told him to put away his sword. Martyrdom is the noblest of spiritual gifts, but one can only use it once! There have been many examples of martyrs loyal to the cause of Jesus Christ and the gospel throughout the centuries.

However, for most Christians this is not God's calling for us - to die for our faith in Christ. The prospect of making a life/death decision based on our convictions should scare most of us. It would be difficult for sure. But far more difficult than the sacrifice of dying for our Savior, would be living each day for Jesus: a LIVING SACRIFICE! Yet that is the very thing our Lord expects from each of us. “Therefore, I urge you by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto

God, which is your reasonable service” –Romans 12:1. He wants us to be a living sacrifice for Him, each day he gives us on this planet! That is much harder than dying for our Savior. Peter was later admonished in his meeting with Jesus on the beach that if he really loved Jesus he was to “feed (Jesus') little lambs.” When trying to change the subject Peter was commanded by Jesus to simply: “Follow Me!” (John 21). In the end martyrdom was his, but for now he would be a living sacrifice, leading the early church with great Holy Spirit power and authority.

But we are each called to present our bodies a “living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your “reasonable service.”” Our God has brought us to salvation by His Son dying in our place on the cross, saving us from the penalty for our sin. It is then reasonable for us to live for Him, whatever He would require.

The Scriptures further command us: “And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, that you might prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” –Romans 12:2. As we present ourselves transformed instead of conformed in a dying world system, we prove (live out) the good, acceptable, perfect will of God. This is a daily task, as God gives us enough information on His will and leading for the present day. In Jesus' example of prayer: “...Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” is followed by “Give us this day our daily bread...” We need God to direct, because we must be dependent and receptive to His leading with each new day. Don't forget: We are examples of “living sacrifices holy and acceptable to Him.” It is certain that our God is more willing to lead and demonstrate His perfect will in our lives, than we are willing to be living sacrifices, doing His will.

Yes, it is God's will for most of us to live out our lives glorifying our blessed Savior, doing what He has called us to do each day. It is a testimony to the transforming power of God working His will and pleasure in our lives –Phil. 2:13.



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The Great White Throne: “I was in a church one day when the Vice-President of the USA came in with security guards and lots of hoopla. Everybody in the place was buzzing with all kinds of chatter - The Vice President was there! If the President comes in, someone will announce and say: “Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States of America!” and they all rise to their feet. Why? A VIP has come in!

Let me tell you: There's going to be a meeting one day that is going to make all of these meetings on earth look like nothing. It's going to be a meeting with God (for unsaved folks) and everybody is going to stand. - Read about it in Rev. 20:12.

You are not going to be seated. You are not going to lie down - you are going to stand before God who says, “by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” You're not going to sleep-walk your way out of the presence of God.” –Quote from Dr. Charles Svoboda

The only Escape: Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior TODAY, who died for your sin! It is a life and death decision! See John 3:36 & John 3:16



Peach Dessert

- 1 large can Sliced Peaches with Juice
- 1 Lemon Cake Mix (dry)
- 1 Stick Margarine or Butter

Place peaches with juice in a buttered 8'X8' pan. Cover with Cake Mix. Pour one stick melted Margarine over Cake Mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Serve with Ice Cream or Cool Whip.
Very good! As per Eleanor Svoboda

When you feel like you are running around in circles, ask the Lord to slow you down. And then you take that time to have a calm visit with Him.



Helpful Hints

No Stick Roasts: When roasting beef, poultry or pork, place the roast on top of a few stalks of celery!

Oil on Troubled Waters? A teaspoon of Salad Oil added to water prevents rice, macaroni, etc. from sticking together. Also, it keeps the water from boiling over.

A teaspoon of Vinegar added to the water in which you boil potatoes will keep them nice and white.

Making Meatballs for supper? Coat the inside of an Ice Cream Scoop with Vegetable Spray before using it to make nice round meatballs that will slide out so smoothly.

Try to use Frozen Vegetables instead of canned ones. Frozen ones usually contain less salt or sodium preservatives.

For Drip-less Gravy; just rub Butter under the spout of the gravy boat. No more gravy stains on your linen tablecloth.

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Rev. David J. Bauer's BRM Itinerary



Sept. 6-8 La Grange Bible Church, IL Missions Conference.

Sept. 15 10:00 a.m. Charleston Bible Church, Charleston, IL

Sept. 25-27 Cedar Lake, Indiana. Associates, Interim Pastors and BRM Board Training Retreat

BRM Interims and Associates Engaged in Ministry:

>Rev. Steve Barack, BRM Associate - Sr. Pastor of Lisle Bible Church, Lisle, IL

>Dr. Al Carsen, Sr. BRM Associate - Pastor of Merson Church, Merson, MI

>Dr. Joe Stewart, BRM Associate - Pastor of Grace Bible Church, Dallas City, IL

>Rev. Darwyn Hassert, BRM Associate - Smyrna Bible Church (and vicinity), MI, preaches and assists as needed in nearby areas

>Rev. Don Zimmerman, Interim Pastor of Western Springs Baptist Church, IL

>Rev. Clark Seefeldt, Interim Pastor of Cornerstone Community Church, Brookfield, IL

>Rev. Jim Vyleta, Interim Pastor West Madison Bible

Lighter Side: A Difficult Defendant

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time:

Judge: "Where do you work?"

Defendant: "Here and there."

Judge: "What do you do for a living?"

Defendant: "This and that."

Judge: "Take him away."

Defendant: "Wait! When will I get out?"

Judge: "Sooner or later."

Some Challenging Questions:

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why do noses run but feet smell?

How did the person who invented the calendar know what day it was?

Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why sterilize the needles for lethal injections?

BRM Field Report #9

This summer has yielded several quality pastors in churches we have been praying for and helping in an "advisory capacity." We praise our Lord of our Churches for answered prayer and His leading in moving good men to answer the call.

We visited 1st Baptist Church of Downers Grove a couple weeks ago and were met by the new pastor at the door. Pastor Jarret Garber and his wife, Dakota were there to greet us. We were greatly challenged by the pastor's application that day, encouraging folks in the pews to be part of a "serving church," with practical ways of doing just that! Yes, God has called each of us to ministry as servants!

Then on August 18, Pastor Bauer was invited to give the charge to Community Bible Church, Warsaw, Indiana as part of the installation service for Pastor Joe Lloyd. Pastor Lloyd hails from Elkhart, Indiana, less than an hour away. He will be moving to Warsaw shortly, joined by his wife, Joan and daughter, Mae. This is a happy conclusion to a 3 1/2 year search, fervent prayer and God's leading.

Cornerstone Community Church in Brookfield, Illinois has been searching for a pastor for two years. Rev. Brandon Siwula and his wife, Noel, with two young children have answered the call, moving into the parsonage this month, planning a ministry to this neighborhood of the Southwest Chicago suburbs. Please keep this church and pastoral family in prayer, as there is much to be done in this community, with a new pastor and a church building near the center of town.

Westchester Bible Church, just north of Brookfield, has called and voted on a new pastor, Jessie Chapman and family, who are from Utah, beginning the pastorate this month. The church has been praying for a pastor for about four years.

A church on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is looking at a candidate who should be a good prospect. Possibly God's answer to our prayers?

Thanks for praying for our team and our Churches!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Ephesians 6:18