

# The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

*A Controversial Newsletter "The Printed Voice of Summit Theological Seminary"*

~ All articles are written by Terry Carter unless otherwise stated ~

Vol. 34 No. 2

April 2021

Terry Carter, Editor

## **"A Great Man Has Fallen in Israel."**



"...Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?" II Samuel 3:38 (NKJV)

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:30 A.M., God's people lost a great man. The words above were spoken by David when Abner died. They are just as appropriate now in reference to the founder and chancellor of Summit Theological Seminary, George Len Faull who has gone to his eternal reward.

He leaves behind his five children, fifteen grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren and two sisters. He also leaves behind an uncountable number of people in the family of God who were close to him and looked to him for answers to life's most important questions.

Brother Faull was the most faithful, enthusiastic, tireless, and influential servants of the Lord that we have ever known personally.

He was a teacher, preacher, friend, author, and mentor to people all over this country and in other countries as well. Only eternity will tell just how many are in the Kingdom of God or have been encouraged to stay faithful as a result of his efforts.

His teaching, writings, and leadership have been, and still remain, a pillar of strength for so many individuals in multiple generations as well as countless congregations and other church organizations.

After being diagnosed with multiple myeloma in June of 2018, he continued to serve the Lord with all his energy just as he had been doing before. He had asked for prayers that he would not have to suffer. There were many who were praying for that since then. We are very thankful that those prayers were answered. He never needed anything strong for pain till his last evening on this earth. Even then it was only a small amount. His passing was peaceful with one of his sons by his side.

Despite having a number of other health conditions, he faithfully served till the end. About a month before his passing, he received the news that he was in renal failure and had some other conditions as well. Rather than go to the hospital or nursing home, he chose to stay at home and call in hospice. This allowed him to visit with friends and family up until the last few days. He thoroughly enjoyed those visits and was in good spirits as a result.

Brother Faull attended a total of six different Theological schools in his tireless and constant pursuit of understanding the Scriptures more fully. Among these are Lexington Christian Bible College, St. Louis Christian College, Midwestern School of Evangelism, and Indiana Christian

University. Along the way he earned a number of degrees including a Bachelor of Sacred Literature, Bachelor of Theology, M.A. Theology, and Rel. D. His education continued till the very last of his days on this earth. He was always looking for more and deeper insights into God's wonderful Word.

Not content with the academic study of Scripture alone, Brother Faull put what he learned into practice in located ministry. He served congregations in Michigan City, Treaty, Woodburn, Fort Wayne, and Peru, Indiana. He also founded churches in Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, and Indiana. He was constantly invited to speak at revivals, seminars, camps, and other brotherhood meetings.

Brother Faull founded Summit Theological Seminary in 1984. He served as president of Summit until 2013 when he moved to chancellor. In 1988, he started *The Gospel Unashamed* as "The Printed Voice of Summit Theological Seminary". Since then, it has been printed quarterly with the vast majority of articles being written by Brother Faull. He called it, "A Controversial Newsletter". He never shied away from printing something that might not be popular. The title reflected the unashamed stand that it has always taken on the Word of God.

It would take more than one issue of *The Gospel Unashamed* to list all the ways in which George has served the Lord: the churches where he

preached, the revivals he held, the camps, seminars, and meetings where he spoke, the people he won to the Lord, the articles and books he wrote, the classes he taught, the Bible questions he answered, the encouragement he gave to so many, etc.

Everyone who knew George knows what a great sense of humor he had. He loved to laugh and, perhaps even more, to make others laugh. He had a joke for just about any occasion. Beyond that, he always took time to enjoy the simple pleasures of everyday life. I think that was simply an expression of his joy he had as the result of the Holy Spirit in his life, **Gal. 5:22-23**.

He was more than merely happy, he was joyful. That is one lesson that is probably better learned from his life than from his writing and teaching. As with everything he taught, he actually lived it.

Personally, I cannot even begin to tell you what a tremendous influence Brother Faull has had on my life and my family's lives. I was fourteen when I first heard George preach. I can still remember his text and main points.

Although I met him a time or two after that, it was not until I was twenty-seven that we really got acquainted. That's when I began to take courses from Summit.

I had no idea, nor expectation, that we would build such a close relationship. It was just a little over two years later that he asked me to be his successor at Summit. I most certainly did not see that coming. Over the years since then I have slowly gotten used to that idea.

For the last seven and a half years, we have worked together nearly every day. We have studied together, prayed together, taught together, traveled together, planned together, and laughed together.

He taught me a great deal about the Word, and life in general. Yet, with all

I learned from him, I still wanted to learn more. It seemed like he never ran out of lessons to teach anyone who was willing to learn. It has been my great honor, privilege, and pleasure to work with Brother Faull these last several years.

When I first started working at Summit on a daily basis and he would return from a speaking engagement, I would tell him that while he was gone I got more work done, but it wasn't nearly as much fun. I said that because it was amusing but mostly because it was true.

There was always more laughter in the office when he was there. Now that he is no longer with us, I may get more work done, but I'm certain that it won't be nearly as much fun.

We are certain that Brother George is being comforted in Abraham's bosom, otherwise known as Paradise, at this very moment. There he awaits his bodily resurrection at the Lord's return.

He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith. There is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, **II Timothy 4:7-8**.

Yes, a great man has fallen in Israel. It has happened before and, unfortunately, it will happen again. Great men come and go, but the Kingdom of God continues forever.

There is still much work to be done here. I know that if Brother Faull were here, he would want that work to continue. He worked joyfully and he worked heartily.

Let us follow his example in the service of the Lord.



## A Familiar Psalm for the Lord's Table



If there is one Psalm that most people have heard, it is the twenty-third Psalm. It has been used for funerals for many years.

When I was younger, I purposely avoided using this Psalm at funerals because it seemed almost cliché to do so. Over time I began to realize that there was good reason why this Psalm was used at funerals. The fact that it mentions fearing no evil even while walking through the valley of the shadow of death is only one of those reasons.

While it is certainly an appropriate Psalm to read at funerals, it was not written for that purpose. It was written by one of the most famous shepherds ever in praise of the Good Shepherd, the Lord. It was not written for funerals, but it certainly has application to them.

This Psalm was not written to be used at the Lord's Supper either. However, it does have application to it. Consider the following phrase-by-phrase application of it to the Lord's Supper.

### "The LORD is My Shepherd"

Jesus is the good Shepherd Who lays down His life for the sheep.

**"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NKJV)**

### "I Shall not Want"

He has provided us with all things that pertain to life and godliness.

**"As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of**

Him who called us by glory and virtue," **II Peter 1:3 (NKJV)**

**"He Makes Me to Lie Down in Green Pastures"**

He is the bread that came from Heaven to feed our souls, not just our bodies.

"35 And Jesus said to them, **I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst...51 **I am the living bread which came down from heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and **the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.**" **John 6:35, 51(NKJV)**

**"He Leads Me Beside the Still Waters"**

He provides a time of reflection and self-examination, a time of calm in the chaos of this world.

"But **let a man examine himself,** and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." **I Corinthians 11:28 (NKJV)**

"28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.** 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." **Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)**

**"He Restores My Soul"**

There is life for our souls in the Lord's Supper.

"53 Then Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.** 54 **Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,** and I will raise him up at the last day." **John 6:53-54 (NKJV)**

**"He Leads Me in the Paths of Righteousness for His Name's Sake"**

The Lord's Supper calls us back to the paths of righteousness as we examine ourselves and judge

ourselves. He never leads us into temptation but delivers us from evil.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged." **I Corinthians 11:31 (NKJV)**

"And **do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.** For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." **Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)**

**"Yea, Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I Will Fear No Evil"**

We have no need to fear death because He has conquered death.

"17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, **Do not be afraid;** I am the First and the Last. 18 **I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**" **Revelation 1:17-18 (NKJV)**

"23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, **have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.**" **Acts 2:23-24 (NKJV)**

**"For You are With Me"**

He is present with us when we partake of the Lord's Supper. It is a communion (fellowship, participation, sharing) in His body and blood.

"26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body. 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, **I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.**" **Matthew 26:26-29 (NKJV)**

"The cup of blessing which we bless, **is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?** The bread which we break, **is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" I Corinthians 10:16 (NKJV)**

**"Your Rod and Your Staff, They Comfort Me"**

These speak of His leading, protection, and chastening. He chastens us so that we will not be condemned with the world.

"But when we are judged, **we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.**" **I Corinthians 11:32 (NKJV)**

**"You Prepare a Table Before Me in the Presence of My Enemies"**

Hopefully, your enemies are not at the Lord's Table. Nevertheless, we have many enemies in this world. The Lord's Supper is a table that He has prepared for us. We cannot partake of His table and the table of His enemies.

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; **you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.**" **I Corinthians 10:21 (NKJV)**

**"You Anoint My Head with Oil"**

This speaks to health and beauty. He provides all we need to be healthy and without spot spiritually.

"55 For **My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.** 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.** 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven--**not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.**" **John 6:55-58 (NKJV)**

"That He might present her to Himself **a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**" **Ephesians 5:27 (NKJV)**

### “My Cup Runs Over”

He has provided for us in abundance, an oversupply of what we need spiritually.

“Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,**” **Romans 5:20 (NKJV)**

**“Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me all the Days of My Life”**

He will bless us for all the days of our lives here.

“But **God, who is rich in mercy,** because of His great love with which He loved us,” **Ephesians 2:4 (NKJV)**

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, **that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**” **Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)**

“Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and **fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness** and the work of faith with power,” **II Thessalonians 1:11 (NKJV)**

**“And I Will Dwell in the House of the LORD Forever.”**

We have an eternal home waiting for us in the house of the Lord – Heaven.

“For we know that if **our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**” **II Corinthians 5:1 (NKJV)**



“1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

**3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”** **John 14:1-3 (NKJV)**

## Christian Utopia

**Question:** Will the spread of the Gospel ever lead to a time when the vast majority of people in this world are living according to Christian, or at least, Biblical principles?

**Answer:** It would certainly be a wonderful thing for all of mankind if such a world could ever be achieved.

Furthermore, there are some who believe that such might actually be the case at some point in the future. However, the Bible is also pretty plain that it will not happen. The only time when we can ever hope to live in a place without sin, selfishness, and the curse of a fallen world is in Heaven.

The origin of the word “utopia” is interesting in this regard. Thomas More coined the word for the title of his book *Utopia* published in 1516.

In the book, he describes what he considers as an ideal society. He came up with the word “utopia” from the Greek “*ou-topos*” literally meaning “no place”. This is also close to “*eu-topos*” which would mean “a good place”. He was saying that this “good place” was really “no place”.

As Christians, we know that there was such a place at one time called “the Garden of Eden”. Since that was lost in the fall, the only way we can regain what we had there is in Heaven. Thomas More apparently understood that there was no place on this earth like that and never would be again.

The doctrine of postmillennialism was quite common and popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The basic idea of this teaching is that as the Gospel spreads around the world, it will usher in a golden age in which Christian principles would dominate the actions of the vast majority of people.

Most who held this position believed that that golden era would correspond to the thousand-year reign of **Revelation 20**.

“1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the

bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 **He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;** 3 **and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.** But after these things he must be released for a little while.” **Rev. 20:1-3 (NKJV)**

Other prophecies were included in this teaching, but the passage above was the primary one and from that was where the name “postmillennialism” was taken.

While this teaching existed prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it seemed to reach the height of its popularity towards the end of that time.

It was the main view among the abolitionists, as well as proponents of the so-called “social gospel”. At that time in the Western World the spread of the Gospel was certainly improving the lives of people in very practical ways.

Real living conditions were improved for a vast multitude of people. You can surely understand why people thought the spread of Christianity would usher in a golden millennium.

As you read the writings of Restoration Movement authors, you can see that it was a commonly accepted teaching among some of them. You can see as you read men like Alexander Campbell and B.W. Johnson, as well as others.

Rather than quote examples of it, I will simply point out that Alexander Campbell called his periodical the *Millennial Harbinger*.

I think it is fair to say that he expected the restoration of the ancient order of Christianity to facilitate the ushering in of the millennium.

Why did postmillennialism fall out of favor with the majority of Christians? The answer is that after World War I and World War II, it became clear that

despite the spread of the Gospel and Christianity around the world, neither the world as a whole, nor mankind as a whole, was getting better. There were still plenty of evil men who were capable of almost unthinkable atrocities. Even with the spread of the Gospel, the devil was still the “god of this world” and he was still blinding the minds of men.

**“Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.” II Cor. 4:4 (NKJV)**

However, this really should not have been a surprise to anyone who was a student of Scripture. Consider the following: Jesus said that many would travel the broad road to destruction, but few would walk the narrow way to life.

**“13 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matt. 7:13-14 (NKJV)**

In the Parable of the tares in **Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43**, He teaches the following truths:

1. There is an enemy who sows tares among the wheat while men sleep.
2. The field is the world.
3. The good seeds (resulting in wheat) are the sons of the Kingdom.
4. The tares are the sons of the wicked one.
5. They will both grow together until the harvest – the end of the age.
6. At the end, the tares are gathered and burned.

This is teaching that the Kingdom will not usher in a utopia in this world. The sons of the wicked one will co-exist with the sons of the Kingdom until the end of the age. Likewise, the Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Parable of the Leaven Hidden in Meal, **Matt. 13:31-33**, He is teaching that even within the Kingdom there

will be evil and corruption. The Parable of the Dragnet, **Matt. 13:47-50**, shows that there will be wicked among the just at the end of the age, even within the Kingdom. Jesus told His apostles that if they called Him “Beelzebub”, they would also do so to those of His household.

**“It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!” Matt. 10:25 (NKJV)**

**“Remember the word that I said to you, A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” John 15:20 (NKJV)**

Paul said that all who live Godly would suffer persecution.

**“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” II Tim. 3:12 (NKJV)**

He goes on to say that evil men would get worse and worse.

**“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.” II Tim. 3:13 (NKJV)**

Even the chosen nation of Israel failed to listen to the prophets of God.

**“9 And He said, Go, and tell this people: Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive. 10 Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.” Isa. 6:9-10 (NKJV)**

**“To whom He said, This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest, And, This is the refreshing; Yet they would not hear.” Isa. 28:12 (NKJV)**

**“23 But this is what I commanded them, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be**

**well with you. 24 Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. 25 Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them. 26 Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers. 27 Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you.” Jer. 7:23-27 (NKJV)**

**“But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted.” Ezek. 3:7 (NKJV)**

**“31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. 32 Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.” Ezek. 33:31-32 (NKJV)**

Such examples could be multiplied many times over. One thing ought to be clear from all these passages. Though the message of God is preached faithfully, many will refuse to heed it. History has shown this to be true in every day and age. The present age is no different. The spread of the Gospel can certainly improve the lives of untold numbers of people. More importantly, it can save their souls for all of eternity. But the overall message of Scripture is that mankind will continue to get worse until the Lord returns. He will return to destroy the wicked and reward His saints.

**“7 And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do**

not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Thess. 1:7-8 (NKJV)

Jesus Himself asked whether there would be faith on the earth when He comes. "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, **when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8 (NKJV)**

Should this discourage us from preaching the Gospel and trying to fulfill the Great Commission? Absolutely not! These things are written so that we are not discouraged when many refuse the Gospel. In the Parable of the Sower, only one of the four kinds of soil bore any fruit at all. This is meant to encourage us when we do not see the response to the Gospel that we would like. That is what we should expect in any age, including our own. How should we react to such things? What should we do in the face of such opposition? The best answer is found in the words of Paul to the young evangelist Timothy.

**"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."** I Tim. 4:16 (NKJV)

**"2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."** I Tim. 4:2-5 (NKJV)

Preaching the Gospel may not bring about a utopia on this earth, but it will save your soul and the souls of those that hear (listen to) you. Regardless of how many turn away from the truth, we need to continue in the truth and fulfill our ministry.

## Does God Meet Us Where We Are?

This seems to be a popular statement among religious people today. It is difficult to answer such a question without clarifying the meaning of "meet us where we are".

Frankly, I am not sure what people really mean when they say such a thing. It may be that different people mean different things by such a statement. You may need the context of it to know what is meant by it.

It would certainly be helpful if people would use Biblical language instead of clichés that are thrown around carelessly.

So, with that being said, let me try to answer the question.

In one sense, God can only meet us where we are. After all, He can't meet us where we are not. That is logically impossible. Nobody, not even God, can do what is logically impossible.

In that sense, if God is going to meet us at all, He must meet us where we are. However, I don't think the above tautology (a statement that is true by virtue of its logical form) is what most people have in mind when they make this statement. Therefore, we must look at other possible meanings.

Whenever two people meet, they have to be at the same place at the same time. If those two are not at the same place, one or both of them must travel so that they can meet. Of course, God is omnipresent (everywhere present). That is, God is everywhere simultaneously.

Thus, in terms of where we are located in space, God is already there to meet us, even before we have arrived ourselves. Paul addresses this while on Mars Hill.

"26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the

boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though **He is not far from each one of us;" Acts 17:26-27 (NKJV)**

This means that we do not need to travel to any special place to meet God. He is just as much present with you wherever you happen to be at this moment as He would be in some "holy" place. No need to go on a pilgrimage to find and meet God. He is not far from each of us.

It also means that He is not a tribal or national God. He is available to all men everywhere.

Furthermore, God does not need to travel to our location to meet us. When we talk about God meeting us, we are really talking about a spiritual meeting, not a physical meeting because God is spirit.

**"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."** John 4:24 (NKJV)

We are obviously not where God is spiritually no matter what we do or how righteous we try to be. This is why we need a Savior.

Jesus is the Savior that bridges the gap between God and man spiritually. But even this is probably not what people mean when they say, "God meets us where we are".

The real question is who needs to move spiritually for God to meet us spiritually? The truth is that God has already moved in providing us with Jesus as our Savior. He also moves in convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come through the work of the Holy Spirit.

**"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."** John 16:8 (NKJV)

God has made Himself available to all men if they will reach out for Him. He has done this with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, the witness

of the Scripture, the preaching of the Church, and the conviction of the Holy Spirit, just to name a few ways.

If it were entirely up to God, He would have met us all already. He is not willing that any should perish.

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance.” **II Pet. 3:9 (NKJV)**

So, what is left for us to meet God? We need to respond to Him and the truth of the Gospel. God has already made His move. Now we must make ours. We must respond to His Gospel call.

“To which **He called you by our gospel**, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **II Thess. 2:14 (NKJV)**

Those who respond to the Gospel call, obtain the glory of Jesus. Those who do not obey the Gospel face the wrath of God at the return of Jesus.

“In flaming fire **taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the Gospel.**” **II Thess. 1:8 (NKJV)**

God has already made His move in providing a means of salvation and making it known to man. Now it is up to us to make our move in response.

Perhaps the bottom line here is the following: **God is not going to change for us. However, we must change (repent) for Him.**

“I tell you, no; but **unless you repent you will all likewise perish.**” **Luke 13:1 (NKJV)**

~ Quotes to Ponder ~

**“There is no substitute for work, it is the price of success.”**

--Earl Blaik, Former Football Coach, West Point

## “Weep Not for Me.”

-- by Brenda Barker

She made her way into the quiet room, noticing her friend resting in the hospital bed on his side, which had been set up by the comfort care group.

Family and friends took turns staying with him, yet that day for 2 hours she needed to sit until another arrived. His legs were somewhat drawn and as she quietly drew closer, he halfway opened his eyes. He drifted in and out of sleep, so she took a seat on the wooden chair at the end of the bed to keep a watch in case he awoke and would need attending.

After a while she noticed his feet had become dry due to dehydration, so she arose and took the bottle of lotion setting over on a side table. Taking a portion of it in her hand, she began to rub it on his feet.

As she did so, she remembered the passage in Scripture of Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who anointed Jesus' feet after their meal. She smiled thinking of the similarity. Mary was a friend of Jesus who ministered to Him during His ministry. This woman, too, was this man's friend and ministered to him during his ministry.

Then her hand froze as she completed the passage in her mind and realized what Jesus replied to those who had rebuked Mary for anointing His feet. It struck a chord in her heart for Jesus had said that **she was doing it for His burial.**

Immediately, tears began to fall as she looked at her friend and knew that he was not far from leaving this earthly life and she, too, was preparing her friend for his burial. Noticing that some of her tears had fallen upon his feet, she quickly wiped them away.

Jesus had made a significant impact on Mary, Martha, and Lazarus' lives and Mary was showing her appreciation in return. It was an act that Jesus never rebuked her for, nor had us forget.

I am the woman in the beginning of this story and the older man was my boss, mentor, and best of friend, George L. Faull. Now I do not wish to represent George as Jesus or myself as Mary but simply sharing the scene that my mind envisioned at that time.

George made a huge impact on my life and other people's lives in so many ways. Spiritually, emotionally, financially. He was a listener, a teacher, motivator, brother, father, lover of the Gospel and God's Word, and of people.

His integrity was steadfast, he cared about people's souls, and he himself was a happy soul who loved and enjoyed life with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. We thought of him as a modern-day Tom Sawyer.

His generosity was one that many did not know about unless you were the recipient of it, and then he did not want it told. He was just pleased to help others in need or to further God's work. He was thrilled when he knew he was able to make a difference.

George had many talents for which God used him. He planted churches, was a great preacher and teacher of God's Word, began a prison ministry, started Summit Theological Seminary, wrote many commentaries, created tracts, postcards, flyers, brochures, PowerPoints, articles, business cards, charts, recordings on CD's, cassette tapes, VHS's, DVD's, MP3's, and so much more. He is still with us in his material, literature and is in every fiber of many congregations, meetings, homes, camps, and here at Summit.

He never wanted glamorous or expensive things that were showy, and he loved the beauty of God's world around him. One evening I remember seeing him sitting outside his office in a folding lawn chair watching the sky with delight as it was preparing for a storm. Lightning would periodically flash and scatter across the canvas in the sky and after a large flash of shattered

lightning he excitedly exclaimed, "Wow, *no display of man's fireworks can match the lightshow God's giving us tonight.*" Once again, giving glory to the Lord.

He enjoyed the character of older model cars, getting a good bargain, fishing, fried chicken, ice cream, old time radio songs, classic westerns, telling his many jokes and puns, and going to flea markets.

He dreamed of one day having a small log cabin on a private pond or lake. But he mainly loved meeting new people and often found ways in restaurants or stores to share the knowledge of the Lord or answer Bible questions in some manner, even if illustrating on a napkin.

He was never afraid of preaching the Word, no matter the subject. George told me, "*Why should I be afraid to preach the Word? If God said it, then tell it.*" Yet he did it in love and respect trying to guide people to a better Spiritual walk for Christ.

George made requests not to have his name used on buildings as he did not wish to have attention drawn to him – it was always about drawing people to the Lord and the work at Summit, not himself.

In his last 2 weeks, several people took turns ministering to George as his needs began to grow in more demand due to his lack of strength, eating, and swallowing. He never gave up, though, still wanting to "get up", but not having the stamina to remain sitting, yet his kidney function continued to decline.

I will remember that day at George's feet and wondered how Mary must have felt. It did not hit home with me until I quoted in my mind the passage and what I was doing for George was also preparing him for his burial. Never had a passage of Scripture come so close to hitting home, except again, George was not Jesus and I was not Mary, whom the apostles rebuked.

It would be just 2 weeks later that Mr. Faull was called from this life at 3:30 a.m. on the Wednesday morning of

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with his son, Todd Faull, by his side.

The loss we feel is great and my mind goes back to the time of Jesus after His death and what great heartache it must have been for those who knew and loved Him. Jesus had made such a difference in their lives and now He had departed. Although the Lord was gone, He had trained and prepared several to take the baton and carry on with the work to be done. Jesus made an impact on lives.

George Faull, too, has taught, trained, and prepared many along the way and now it is our turn to take that baton and keep running the race with patience for the Kingdom's sake.



I will remember what George told me during his wait for the Lord to take him when I became saddened that he would not be with us much longer. He quoted from the passage in **Luke 23** and what Jesus told the people and women as He made His way to His impending death: "*Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children...*"

Yes, weeping is part of our healing and although we will mourn for a time, we know that George was faithful until his last breath. This brings us comfort and why we do not weep for him but rejoice in his graduation!

### Info Preceding His Passing:

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Brother Faull found an orange sized lump on the left side of his neck/shoulder. His local Dr. had a CT scan done which he then referred him to his oncologist.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, his oncologist set up appointments to have a biopsy on the lump, PET scan to see at what stage his multiple myeloma was, and lab work. George received a call that afternoon from his oncologist who wanted to admit him immediately into the hospital as his bloodwork revealed he was in the renal (kidney) failure stage.

George made the decision to remain home as he did not want dialysis for treatment. He knew if he went to the hospital or a nursing home, he would be isolated as a covid patient and unable to see family or friends.

He was in good spirits, had set his house in order and stayed mainly in his apartment. His left shoulder and neck sometimes gave him pain and he had been tiring easily but received visits when he had the strength.

He appreciated the thoughtfulness of everyone who poured out their hearts in emails, cards, visits, and phone calls. He did his best to contact people to tell them he loved them and to give them his good-byes. He was ready to go to the Lord as he said to several pointing to his fireplace mantle, "*I'm dying... but I have all my ducks in a row!*"



**In Loving Memory of  
George L. Faull – 80 Years Old  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1940–February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

