



“Tuesdays” with Pastor Jake

Where Theology Touches Life

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A Biblical Worldview – *Faith*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.” John 6:47

You don’t know him, but he is the dad to a very good friend of ours. He also attended the church I was pastoring. He was having some pretty serious heart issues and was in the hospital for the insertion of a stent. While I was visiting with him, the nurse came into his room to do all the pre-op. She checked his blood pressure, listened to his lungs, took his pulse and then asked the familiar question: “*Anything by way of mouth for the past 24 hours?*” He kind of stared away and didn’t say anything... (you could have heard a pin drop). Then his wife said, ‘are you going to tell the nurse or should I?’ The nurse said, ‘tell me what?’ ‘Tell her what you had for breakfast,’ his wife said. With a slight hint of annoyance, he told the nurse, ‘I had two eggs, toast and a milkshake!’ You should have seen the expression on the nurse’s face! He could tell she was frustrated with him, and he followed up saying, ‘I’m diabetic and I was hungry!’ Shaking her head she explained she doubted whether they would do the procedure. He was in such a bad way the docs took the risk and went ahead...and thankfully he was fine.

The nurse asked a good and important question...but it wasn’t an ‘ultimate’ kind of question. Ultimate questions deal with eternal matters.

Once, a terrified Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Without hesitation Paul responded, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

That’s an ‘ultimate’ kind of question and an ‘ultimate’ kind of answer. But what does it mean to ‘believe in the Lord Jesus?’

Years ago Fellowship sent a group of folks to a banquet for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Allentown. The speaker said there were three kinds of ‘believers’ in the Lord Jesus: *non-believers*, *believers* and *make-believers*. The third group is the object of my concern. There are many people who *say* they *believe* in Jesus – but what does it really mean to *believe* in Him?

The call to believe in Jesus is a dominant, oft repeated, overwhelmingly consistent admonition running throughout the Scriptures. People don’t naturally or normally believe – it is a definitive and conscious choice they make. It is an ‘ultimate’ kind of decision, and one’s eternal welfare depends upon it. Jesus once said:

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

The Apostle John reiterates this very thought in writing:

“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”

These are all weighty words with eternal consequences.

So what then, does it mean to believe in Jesus?

The answer can be stated or nuanced in different ways, but basically to believe in Jesus involves the *mind*, the *heart* and the *will* of a person. **To believe** engages the *MIND*: there is a firm conviction that Jesus is the “**Messiah**”, the incarnation of the Divine Son of God. **To believe** engages the *HEART*: there is a firm reliance, a trusting in what Jesus accomplished on my behalf. I believe He died in my place, taking my punishment, securing my forgiveness and granting me the status of being righteous in God’s sight not by anything I’ve done, but solely upon what He has done. That’s why we call Him, “**Savior**.” This leads, in gratitude, to the final point. **To believe** engages the *WILL*: there is a firm commitment to follow after Jesus as the risen “**Lord**” of my life. Jesus once said, “Why do you call me Lord, and not do the things I say?” Believing is a turning away *from* the way we used to live to confessing a new allegiance to Jesus as the rightful and loving Lord of our lives.

When by grace, one believes, they acknowledge WHO Jesus is, rest in WHAT he has done, and obey Him as Lord. No one does this perfectly because we will always struggle with sin/selfishness – but it becomes the intent & trajectory of one’s life.



Roger and Stella's Revenge! 😊



We stumped Roger Zottarelli and Stella Becker with the Movies,
but not the Songs.

We're giving them a chance to stump us! Below are 15 songs they
picked for us – let's see how well we do!!!

MATCH THE FOLLOWING SONGS (numbers) WITH THE TITLE AND SINGERS (letters)

1. Sometimes I wonder why I spend the lonely night dreaming of a song...the melody haunts my reverie and I am once again with you...
2. All day I face the barren waste without a taste of water...
3. You leave the Pennsylvania station at a quarter to four, read a magazine and then you're in Baltimore. Dinner in the diner nothing could be finer than to have your ham an' eggs in Carolina....
4. I walk down the lane to a happy refrain, there's a smile on my face for the whole human race...
5. You keep me waitin til its gettin aggravatin, I wait and worry but you never seem to hurry...
6. If ever the Devil's plan was made to torment man, it was you...
7. Down by the shore an orchdestra's playing, even the palms seem to be swaying...
8. An old couple went riding out one dark and windy day upon a ridge he rested as he went upon his way...
9. If you're fond of sand dunes and salty air, quaint little villages here and there...
10. And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true. Someday I'll wish upon a star...
11. I'll never forget the people I met braving those angry skies I remember well as the shadows fell the light of hope in their eyes. There'll be bluebirds all over....
12. There's a _____ with a wishing well I wish that we were there together. There's a bridal suite one room bright and neat complete for us to share together....
13. Two drifters off to see the world there's such a lot of world to see we're after the same rainbow's end waiting 'round the bend my huckleberry friend....
14. Grab your coat and grab your hat, baby leave your worries on the doorstep just direct your feet on the
15. Got my bag, got my reservation spent each dime I could afford. Like a child in wild anticipation long to hear that all aboard. Seven, that's the time we leave, at seven....

- a. Jezebel – Frankie Laine / b. Slowpoke – Arthur Godfrey / c. Ghost Rider in the Sky – Vaughn Monroe
 d. Old Cape Cod – Pattie Page / e. Beguin the Beguine – Artie Shaw / f. Stardust – Hoagy Carmichael
 g. Chattanooga Choo-Choo – Glenn Miller / h. Singing in the Rain – Gene Kelly / i. Over the Rainbow – Judy Garland
 j. Cool Water – Sons of the Pioneers / k. The White Cliffs of Dover – Vera Lynn / l. Moon River – Mancini & Mercer
 m. A Small Hotel – Rogers and Hart / n. The Sunny Side of the Street – Armstrong / o. Sentimental Journey – Doris Day

ANSWERS TO “STUMP”:

Movies:

1. Casablanca / 2. The Rocketeer / 3. The Witch in The Wizard of Oz / 4. The Maltese Falcon /
 5. It's a Wonderful life (Jimmy Stewart) / 6. On the Waterfront / 7. King Kong / 8. Sunset Boulevard / 9. Mae West in She
 Done Him Wrong / 10. The Outlaw Josey Wales (Clint Eastwood) / 11. True Grit (John Wayne)

Songs:

1. Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree / 2. I'll Never Smile Again / 3. As Time Goes By / 4. Somewhere my Love
 (From Dr. Zhivago) / 5. Moonlight Serenade

ANSWERS TO 'REVENGE':
 1. f / 2. j / 3. g / 4. h / 5. b / 6. a / 7. e / 8. c / 9. d / 10. i / 11. k / 12. m / 13. l / 14. n / 15. o