

Titus House Newsletter

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Do You Know Your Own Power?

By-Mark Preller

As Christians we all have probably heard the scripture from Romans 8: 38-39 "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor

Do you know that there is one thing that **can** separate you from God? Not separate you from his love, for God is love, but separate you from fellowship with him.

You are the only one

verse, has given you the right and authority to deny his desires. Could he compel you to obey and worship him? Of course he could! But he doesn't. He wants you to freely love, worship and follow him.

Because of this he gives you something that exists nowhere else in the universe, the power to deny his plans for your life. You have that power! Be aware, however, that with great power (and the power to deny God is great indeed!) comes great responsibility.



our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NLT)

who can do that! Satan, for all that he might wish it, cannot. God gave us free will. Part of that free will is the ability to choose to go our own way, to be separate from. Like-wise you, and only you, can make the decision to follow him.

Imagine that! God, the all-powerful creator of the uni-

comes great responsibility.

The decision to use your gift of free will to follow him is one that only you can make. I pray that you would use that power, that freedom, wisely. Your eternal life is at stake.



Living in the Past—By Alice Benson

LIVING IN THE PAST I recently talked on the phone with a friend who wanted to know where I lived in the 1950s. We chatted about old times and it was enjoyable. In talking with her and with other “older” friends I realized they were spending a lot of time looking at photo albums, pictures on the wall, perhaps Facebook. I have to say since I discovered Facebook I glance at it almost daily because I have found friends we were involved with in the Philippines. It is really fun and heart-warming to see the old youth group in Christian leadership in church there and many in churches now here in the States. It is wonderful to have friends, to cultivate their friendship and pray for their needs as they let you know about them. Don and I are so involved in this ministry that we really don’t spend a lot of time living in the past. We both have regrets and we would rather turn that stuff over to God and let Him send it “as far as the East is from the West.” (Psalm 103:12) When God called Moses at the age of 80 to take a million people out of Egypt, cross the Jordan River and somehow take care of them in the desert, he had some serious thoughts. You may recall he had the audacity to question God about it and actually said to God, “I don’t

want to do it!” If I had been God at that point I probably would have said, “Fine, I’ll find someone else!” It’s good I’m not God! I think what I’m trying to say is, God lives in the NOW, He forgives the past, but He has an immediate plan for us now and in the future as long as He decides to leave us here. Billy Graham, in his late 90s, said at one time he didn’t believe in retirement! He is still as active as he can be, encouraging his son and others in ministry. He is my idol for ministry. Check in on me when I hit my 90’s! Let me ask my readers: What are you doing with your regrets for breaking the law, trying to cover it up, looking for a lawyer to get you off easy, passing the buck to someone else for what you did, blaming your ex-wife for the whole thing? Or what are you doing about your Pharisaical attitude that says, “I’m glad I’m not like that sex offender over there! I’m glad there aren’t any of those people in my church!” Don and I pray those who read this letter can begin to live in the present, confident that God has you here for His divine purpose right now!





U.S. Olympic swimmers' lies unravel under scrutiny: The danger of simply believing—By Barbara Gale & Larry Neely

Victims' advocates, particularly those who advocate for victims of sexual assault, argue that we should always believe the victim's story. Simply believing a person who claims to be a victim of a criminal offense is extremely dangerous. A good case to support this is the story of Ryan Lochte and the three other American swimmers who claimed they were robbed at gunpoint in Rio last week. Now that the alleged robbery has proven to be a hoax, it is time to call attention to the danger of taking allegations at face value. Individuals do make false allegations, including those alleging sexual assault, and the unfortunate outcome is that innocent people are sometimes convicted of crimes they did not commit.

If you haven't followed the situation, Ryan and three other swimmers competing in the Rio Olympics fabricated a story about being robbed at gunpoint by law enforcement officers. The story has now unraveled, and it turns out that Lochte and the others were out drinking and vandalized the restroom facilities after leaving a bar. They fabricated the story in an attempt to cover up their own criminal behavior. When Lochte first spoke to media, his recollection of the event wasn't credible. He claimed that the "policeman" held a gun to his head and cocked it while ordering him to get on the ground. Lochte said the others complied but he refused because he had not done anything wrong, and then he said to the policeman, "Whatever." No rational person tells someone holding a cocked gun to your head "whatever." You plead for your life, argue, cry, but

you don't say, "Whatever."

The Brazilian authorities did exactly what should have been done; they investigated. They took the swimmers' statements and initiated a thorough investigation, which included obtaining video showing the four reentering the Olympic Village. They obtained cell phone records and thoroughly interrogated the four athletes. There were so many inconsistencies in their respective recollections that the authorities announced they doubted the incident ever occurred.

This incident clearly illuminates why it is vital that we not just simply believe a person when an allegation is made. If Brazilian authorities had without question believed the swimmers' accounts of the supposed event, innocent people could have been arrested and convicted of a crime that did not happen.

The U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of confrontation and vigorous cross examination of those making criminal accusations. This is a vital component of our system of justice, yet victims' advocates have been successful in limiting this fundamental right. Many consider defense attorneys evil and immoral – just looking for loopholes to get the accused off. This is utter nonsense. It is the job of a defense attorney to vigorously challenge the recollection and conflicting statements of witnesses, in particular the alleged victim. A defense attorney who fails to do so is derelict in his or her duty to the accused and should not be practicing criminal

defense law. Those who say otherwise do not understand our adversarial system or appreciate the defense attorney's role.

It is fortunate in this case that the Brazilian authorities did their job thoroughly and quickly discredited the bogus allegations. What might the result have been if they had simply believed the accusers? Even though the hoax was discredited early enough that no one was arrested and deprived of his liberty, significant damage was done. First, the city of Rio was using its resources chasing a boogeyman that did not exist. Secondly, there was significant international embarrassment. Thirdly, it is not possible to quantify the fear this caused all around the Olympic Village that undoubtedly caused economic repercussions to businesses. Finally, it is truly sad that a great athlete such as Lochte would jeopardize his future and his own economic interests by conducting himself in such an irresponsible way. Sponsors aren't likely to want to promote their business with the assistance of a liar.

Whenever there is an allegation of a crime, it should be thoroughly investigated. There are many reasons why individuals lie about situations and circumstances. We can't "just believe" the victim. We must be sure before we deny anyone his or her personal liberty. Our country depends on it. Our lives depend on it. The next lie might be about you.



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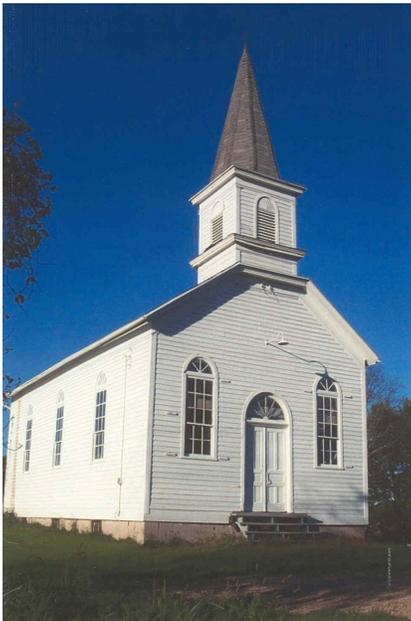
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Hebrew 13:3-Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.



**Museum for saints
Or
Hospital for sinners?**

A Message from Shane Roach from La Pasada

In the name of Jesus; To my brothers and sisters and all my future brothers and sisters, as I know how Great our God is, bringing new believers to him every day. First of all I need to say all praise and glory to God the Father thru Jesus his Son. As I sit here by this window I'm thinking on what exactly to write or say. Truth is if I did this one thousand times each letter would be different. It's too much to comprehend fully, the Lord offers a plan for our lives. His ways are not like ours (Is. 56:6-11). Last year July 10th 2015, I arrived at La Pasada. I was lost, so many years very very lost, incomplete, searching for things that would fade away with time anyway. I met a young lady, (Alice) and a man (Don) at a Bible study who handed me a small pamphlet "The Four Spiritual Laws". That is where it all started. As I prayed on this and read the 10 page book, nothing in my whole life had ever been so clear to me, crystal clear! I started crying like a baby, uncontrollably, I knew the Lord put it on my heart. So if he gives you the thought or even the curiosity to do, Go for it! He is faithful! Next thing I knew I was on cloud 9, smiling for nothing, the joy and peace of Jesus can give. Old habits are hard to break, but we "can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us". This is a fight that is already won thru the body and blood of our Savior and more importantly our Lord, Amen. He understands our flesh; we do not have a high priest who cannot understand our battles and temptations, as he faced the same things and remained sinless for us and out of obedience and love for the Father. Love... Love my brothers and sisters sums it all up, without love all is pointless and useless. Let the love of Christ Jesus flow thru us and to the world for the building of his kingdom! The creator became the created to serve, Amen! I'm not going to go back to speak much about the past times; the evil one will not get that recognition, "In the name of Jesus, Satan, I rebuke you!" But I will say that I did make all the choices of the world, all of them. I've heard many different people, shapes and colors of the knowledge of the world. Prostitutes, pimps, drug dealers, musicians, lawyers, cowboys, corporate businessman, politicians and etc., and let me tell you none of it, none comes close to the word of God, and the Lord is truth! The knowledge, salvation and wisdom he brings is the key to life, the key to eternal living with him and all of our loved ones! Praise God, thank you God for Jesus Christ, Amen! So trust know and believe, the Lord is Faithful and will open doors in perfect timing. Maybe first some reconciliation amongst your family, redemption, peace, joy, jobs. More chances will come thru him, he has perfect ways. Trust him, pray on it. We've had blessings he's been waiting to give us since many years ago! We must humbly accept it, he's waiting on us. We serve a good God and to anyone who hasn't yet received him, ask him into your life and become a child of God. Your cup will overflow, In the name of Jesus. May God's peace, protection and guidance be with his people.

Love, Brother Shane Roach



The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered offenders, family and friends that meet together on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on September 11 at 6-8pm. We will be having a potluck. We meet at Foothills

Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria on the far east side of Albuquerque. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us.

