

Christ Our Savior

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Diapers and Sippy Cups

Our callings in life are better understood in the ordinary rather than the Dramatic.

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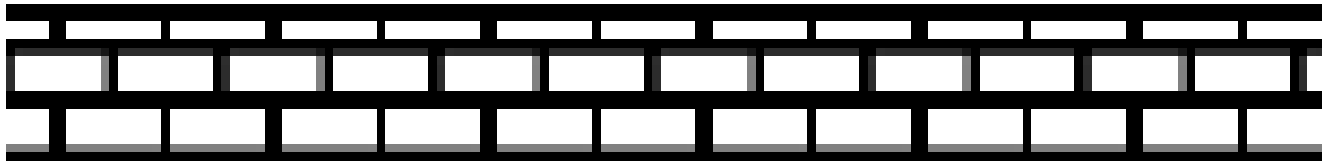
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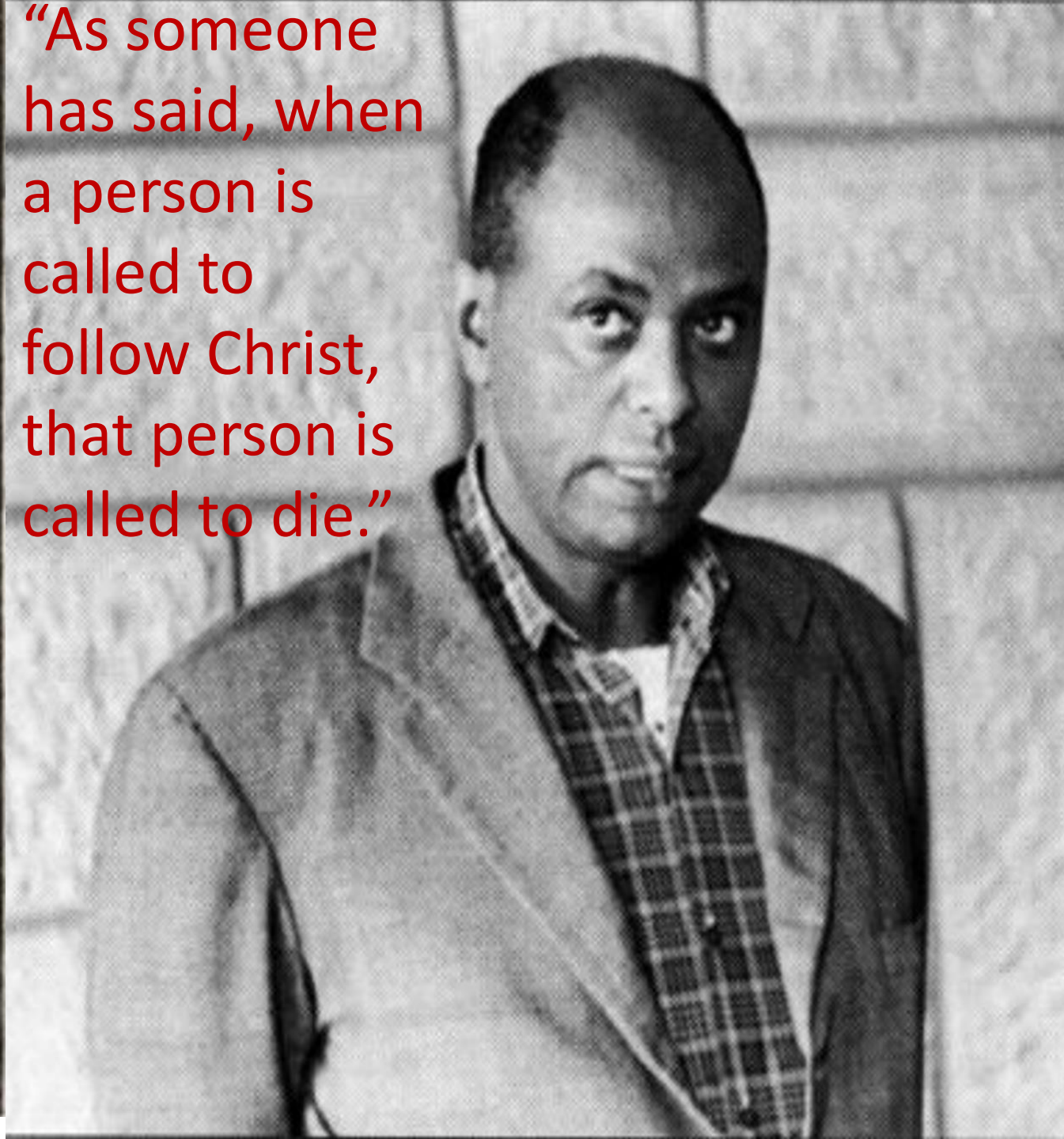
Plain

FOUNDATIONAL

Insignificant







“As someone
has said, when
a person is
called to
follow Christ,
that person is
called to die.”

FAITH – Hebrews 11

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.



Who are your faith champions?
Why did you choose them?
Do your champions change?

FAITH Champions – Hebrews 11

Abel
Enoch
Noah
Abraham
Sarah

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Abraham By faith was tested
Isaac By faith blessed Jacob and Esau
Jacob By faith blessed his sons
Joseph By faith believed of the future exodus
Moses By faith he was protected, he followed God's direction
Israelites By faith crossed the Red Sea
Rahab By faith welcomed the spies

FAITH Champions – Hebrews 11

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets ³⁷ went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

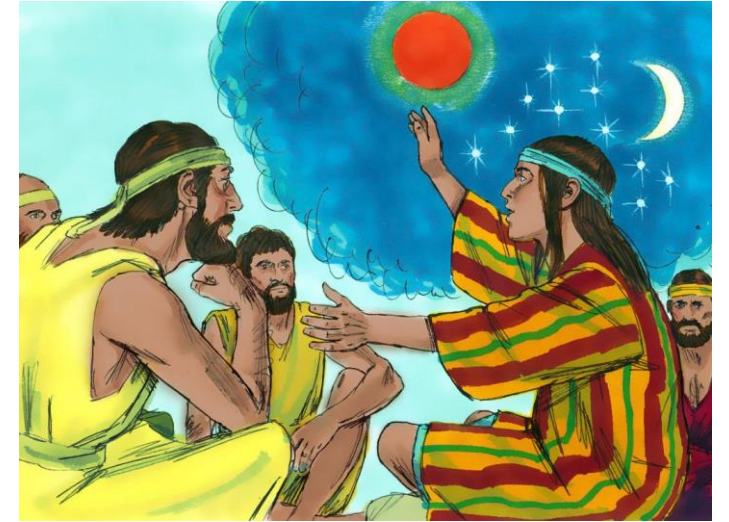
³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.



Jonah
Esther
Moses
Joseph



Joseph's Callings

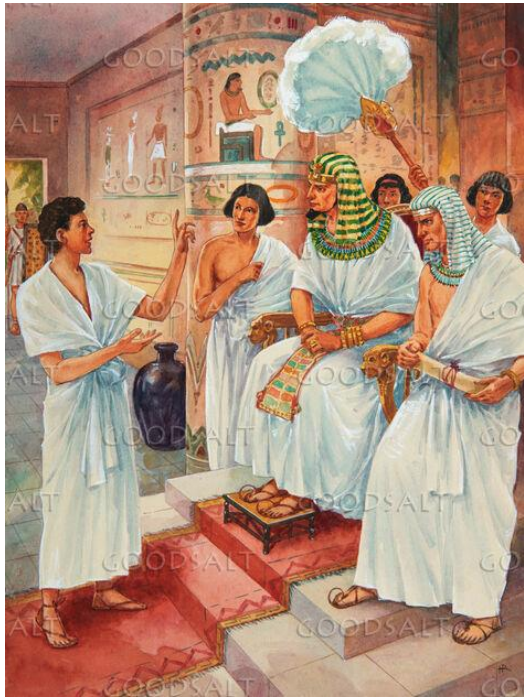




⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

(Genesis 39:7-9)

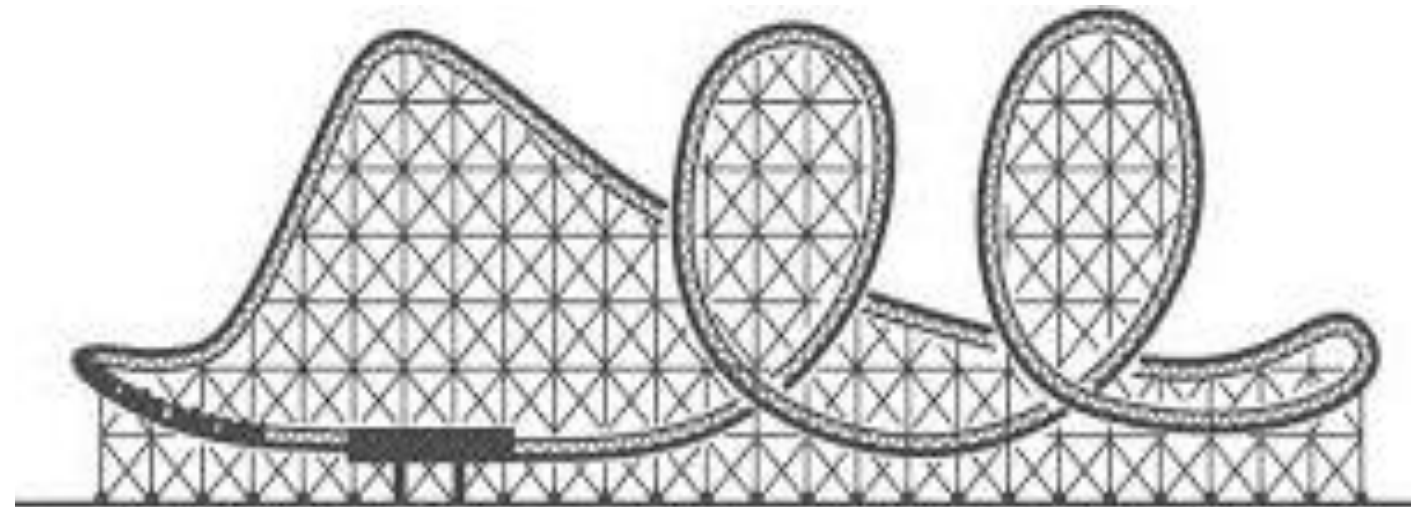




³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:39-41)

Joseph's Rollercoaster

- 10th of 12 Sons
- **Favorite Son**
- Hated Brother, Informer, Dreamer
- Slave
- **Servant**
- Prisoner
- **Prison Overseer**
- **Interpreter**
- Forgotten Prisoner
- **Pharoah's Interpreter**
- **Governor**
- **PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, FORGIVER**



13 Years

Ordinary

DRAMATIC

GLOVES – Pick a Pair



Right Hand Kingdom

- Eternal Kingdom
- “God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.” (Luther)
- “the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world” (Leininger)
- Operates through His gloves (us)
 - In our callingS (not by compulsion)
 - By promise (not by power)
 - By faith (not by force)
- Strive to be the best gloves to His glory

Through the
Means of Grace

Left Hand Kingdom

- Temporary Kingdom
- We are citizens of, live and work in the Left Hand Kingdom
- His cares for His Creation
- Strive to be the best gloves (but take the credit themselves)

- Our callings are for those in the Right and Left Hand Kingdoms
- In which kingdom do you find the balance of your callings?

The 4 Ms of CallingS - Motive

- Not selfish or filled with pride
Psalm 119:36
Philippians 2:3
- We respond to HIS love by being good stewards of HIS gifts in answering His call to love and service for both RH and LH Kingdoms
1 Corinthians 4:1-2

The 4 Ms of CallingS - Mood

- Cheerfully

Psalm 94:19

- Confident (trusting), be the “gloves” of God with good intentions and joy knowing that HE is working through you for others. CallingS have merit, are doable, they are God given.

Proverbs 3:5-6

- No task is too menial or trivial and we do them without being resentful, or without emotion, or being ungrateful, recognize your callingS to be a privilege.

1 Corinthians 12:24b-25

Psalm 51:10

The 4 Ms of CallingS - Manner

- Seek to improve, exercise, and master the gifts that He has given us.

1 Corinthians 12:28-31

- Be in accord with what God wants.

Romans 12:6-8

- Without distraction and with discipline, know that you represent God and are expressing your faith.

Philippians 4:8

Luke 10:40

The 4 Ms of CallingS - Mission

- Goal, Vision, Mission, Objective, what are they in your life? Are they RH Kingdom or oriented to the LH Kingdom?
- Intentionally seek to be “agents of His providential care”.
- Great Commandments, Love the One and Only God, Love of Neighbor, Teach and Baptize. Our callingS are very “neighbor” oriented. Acts of love and mercy which have temporal and eternal implications.

1 Peter 3:15

1 Corinthians 10:24

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The Morning

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The Morning: How to like yourself more



By Melissa Kirsch

Good morning. Taking time to enumerate the things you like about yourself each day may sound terminally woo-woo or conceited, but in practice, the results can be pretty transformative.



IMPACTING PEOPLE RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE

What if every Christian saw his or her Neighbor as a gift from God with gifts to share? How would that change how we view, interact with, and serve our neighbors?

During a time when people are searching for hope, community is more important than ever. LHM is answering the question, “How can I bring hope to my neighborhood?” We can use our individual gifts to make a real difference right where we are, among the neighbors we know and those we have not yet met but see every day.

If history is an indicator, God could use our good deeds to gain a hearing for the Gospel and, according to His will, draw our non-

Christian neighbors to the faith. This concept is really nothing new for us at LHM. Gathering at the local level and building genuine relationships with people close to us have been in LHM’s DNA since our inception more than a century ago. This 21st-century approach brings people together while sharing the Gospel both in word and deed.

Understanding our giftedness and using those gifts to bless others can build strong connections with those around us. It is exciting to think about the impact of millions of Christians loving their neighbors. Together, we can make it a reality.

FAITH – Acts 9:26-27

Saul in Jerusalem

²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But **Barnabas took him** and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of the Jesus.

Are You Fully, Completely, 100% In?



Trust the Spirit in the smallest of callings.