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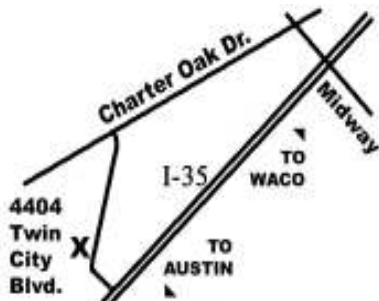
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WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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What Makes You Angry?

Some Christians believe it is wrong to get angry; yet, even Jesus experienced anger (Mk 3:5). The real question should be, 'What is it that makes us angry?' Well, let me tell you what makes me angry.

I get angry when murderers and rapists are handled with kid gloves. Give them a fair trial; but, if they are found guilty, let the punishment be swift and severe (Ec 8:11).

I get angry when government officials usurp the role of fathers, and promote an environment of sexual promiscuity and irresponsibility (1 Th 4:3-6, Ep 6:4). They should revoke financial incentives for immoral behavior.

I get angry when political correctness trumps the truth (Ep 4:14-15). We should speak truth boldly with love. And, we should not be so sensitive that we are offended by an honest, loving presentation of truth (Pr 15:32).

I get angry when fools mock simple standards of human decency (Pr 14:9) – when evil is called 'good' and good is called 'evil' (Isa 5:20).

And yes, I get angry when I see those who should be angry at sin lend tacit approval to it (Ro 1:32).

Another Perspective

Uncommon Valor: A Common Virtue

The Iwo Jima memorial. What I remember most was the inscription written at the bottom, “Uncommon valor was a common virtue.” Christians are soldiers at war. And it can be very discouraging to look around and see what we’re up against. We’re fighting the entertainment industry, the corporate world, political organizations, even schools and homes. How can we maintain an uncommon fearlessness and fortitude?

Look to your Leader. Don’t ever forget who is fighting for you. When you are with God, it’s the other side that’s mismatched and outnumbered.

Inspect your arms. Too many of us are unfamiliar with the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. How can it be “*living and active*” when we never take it out of its sheath? Put the words into action.

Keep good company. We need each other. No matter how much our world tries to sell independence, we need the strength of our fellowship. We can conquer any enemy together.

Remember the battle plan. The difference between our conflict and wars among nations is that the final outcome has already been determined. So stay the course.

My ultimate thrill will be to stand where Jesus is now standing, at the throne of His Father. It will be for Him to recognize me as a soldier of His cross who no longer has to wait for His crown. And, I want you there with me.

– Dee Bowman (edited)

Just Thinkin’

He spoke lovingly of his wife of many years, now departed. And, he spoke of regret for the poor judgments he had made in life. His story could be the story of so many older men, nearing the twilight of life. But, his story was different in one significant way.

As we continued talking, we talked about the eleventh hour worker (Mt 20:1-16). He was familiar with the story. We talked about the importance of forgiving oneself. He already knew about that, too, although he admitted that it was easier said than done. As the conversation drew to a close, it was apparent that he was coming to grips with life as it is – not as it could have been. And, he was content with that. His easy smile and good-natured manner made that clear.

Other men in similar circumstances are overcome with grief and guilt. Unable to forgive themselves for a lifetime of neglect, they spend their last days in bitterness and frustration. But in the end, it is God’s grace – and our willingness to accept it – that makes all the difference. And, I know one man who understands that. Do you? Think about it.