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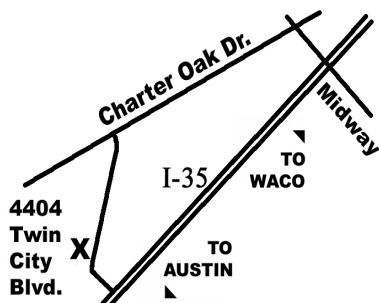
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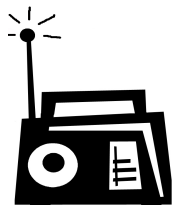
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
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## WHERE WE MEET



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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# SIMPLE TRUTH

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## OVERCOMING PRIDE

*“Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; assuredly, he will not be unpunished.” - Pr 16:5*

C.S. Lewis called pride the “great sin” because of its prevalence and its tendency to lead to a number of other sins. Not only is pride a sinful attitude in and of itself, but it often leads one to further sinful actions and attitudes. Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more than the next person. For example, in order for someone to be covetous or envious, they often will have a prideful attitude that causes these feelings.

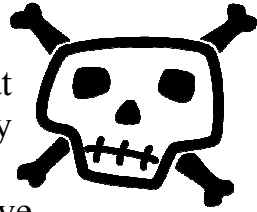
One does not have to read very far in the Bible to see that pride is harshly condemned (cf *Pr 16:15*). Many of the most notable people in the Bible were not great because they were proud; they were great because of their lack of pride. In *2 Sam 7*, David prays, “*Who am I?*” and calls his great works insignificant. In *1 Tim 1*, Paul calls himself the “*chief of sinners.*” In *Phil 2*, Paul says that even though Jesus was deity, He humbled Himself.

If we are to overcome our pride and be like these great examples, than we too must prostrate ourselves before God and never think we’ve somehow arrived spiritually. It is then, and only then, that we can truly approach God with a heart devoid of pride.  
*- Drew Nelson*

## Another Perspective

# WHY SUFFERING?

In the mid 90's at the height of the ethnic cleansing war in Bosnia-Herzegovina; groups of Muslims, Christians, and Jews were quoted by a newspaper article to have said that they no longer believed that God is alive. The suffering they faced, such as torture, genocide, and rape was so intense that it drove them to utter such words. Human hearts cried for deliverance from God; but nothing came. "*Why, God? Why me?*"



These questions have baffled philosophers since time immemorial. It is all the more excruciating for Christians since the God of the Bible is One who is all powerful and all loving!

Where then do we stand? Do we have an answer? Simply put, it lies in the domain where human faculty ends and faith begins.

The Bible says in Romans 8:18-21: "*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.*" I believe the Bible.

—Chen Boon Tai (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

As this is written, The Woman is undergoing more medical tests and I am in a hospital waiting room. The letter said such procedures almost always result in a finding of 'benign'. Almost always - I guess those are pretty good odds.

Some might say I should put down the laptop and spend this time in prayer. Well, I have prayed - and will again. It is certainly better advice than our daughter and son-in-law received from some well-meaning brethren. "*Feed your daughter only raw vegetables. That will starve the cancer.*" But, vegans also die. It's one of those realities of life. So, keep the carrots. I'll stick with prayer.

I trust that the Lord will be gracious to The Woman - and to me - and that the results of these tests will, indeed, be 'benign'. By the time you read this, we should already know. But, even a good finding only prolongs the inevitable; and, it is not morbid to say so. The Woman has lived for that day all her life. In fact, now that I think about it, that's the primary reason I married her.