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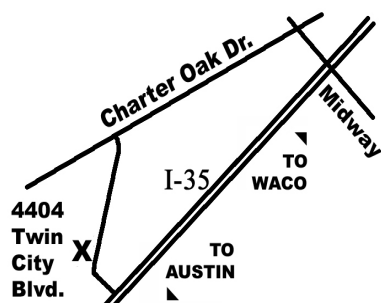
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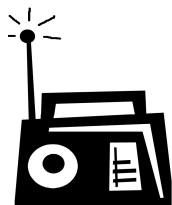
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

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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“DO THIS”

I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” - Mt 8:9

This Roman centurion understood authority better than many today. After all, the military is no place for half-hearted commitments and an “*I’ll do it if I feel like it*” obedience. Failure to comply promptly with a direct order in the military can cost lives.

But, the same thing is true in the Lord’s army. Our fight is against “*the spiritual hosts of wickedness*” (Ep 6:12), and the enemy has your destruction as his goal (1 Pe 5:8). Our Commander-in-Chief knows the enemy, and has provided the armament we need to defeat him (Ep 6); but, some only pay lip-service to the Commander – and to His instructions. Obedience is not a priority.

Jesus put it like this, “*Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?*” (Lu 6:46). In another place He stated, “*My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it*” (Lu 8:21). We can argue ‘salvation by works’ all day long, but in the end, refusal to “*do this*” when the Commander says “*do this*” (whatever ‘this’ is) is rebellion – and it will cost many their soul (Mt 7:21-23).

Give Me the Truth!

If you are my friend, if you are concerned about my soul, GIVE ME THE TRUTH! Do not flatter me. Do not praise my virtues while remaining silent about my vices. Do not fear that the truth will offend me. Do not treasure our friendship, our friendly relations, above my salvation. Do not think that by ignoring my sins, you can help me. Do not think that being blind to my sins will prove yourself charitable. However I may react to it, whatever may be my attitude toward you after you have done it, GIVE ME THE TRUTH!

For the truth, and only the truth, can make me free from the shackles of sin, strengthen me in the pathway of righteousness and lead me to the joys of heaven. If I am wavering, weak, lukewarm, indifferent, neglectful; if I have been overtaken in a trespass; if I have been drawn into the pleasures of the world; if I have left my first love; if I have been led astray by error; or if I have done none of these things, but simply need to grow in knowledge and to be edified, GIVE ME THE TRUTH!

– Bill Crews

(My favorite 'bulletin article' of all time – wk)



Just Thinkin'

The letter had been in my files for more than thirty years, but it was even older than that. Dated 1962, it was written from one venerable preacher to another and it discussed the question of whether a man with one child qualified to be an elder. Why it was left behind on an old dusty shelf in the preacher's study, I never knew. But, it was good stuff – so I filed it away.

As occasion would have it, I was recently invited to preach a meeting in a small, central Texas town – and, the recipient of that letter was a member there. Now an aged saint, but very active in the Lord's work, he still enjoyed talking Bible. I gave him the letter – almost half a century since he had first received it – and he just smiled. He remembered the preacher, and reminisced for awhile about the way it was.

Sometimes I think I've preached a long time; but, men like J.W. Hicks and Dana Halstead (and our very own Tom Campbell) were doing the work before I was born. I honor them for their labor – men who have left giant footprints in God's kingdom.