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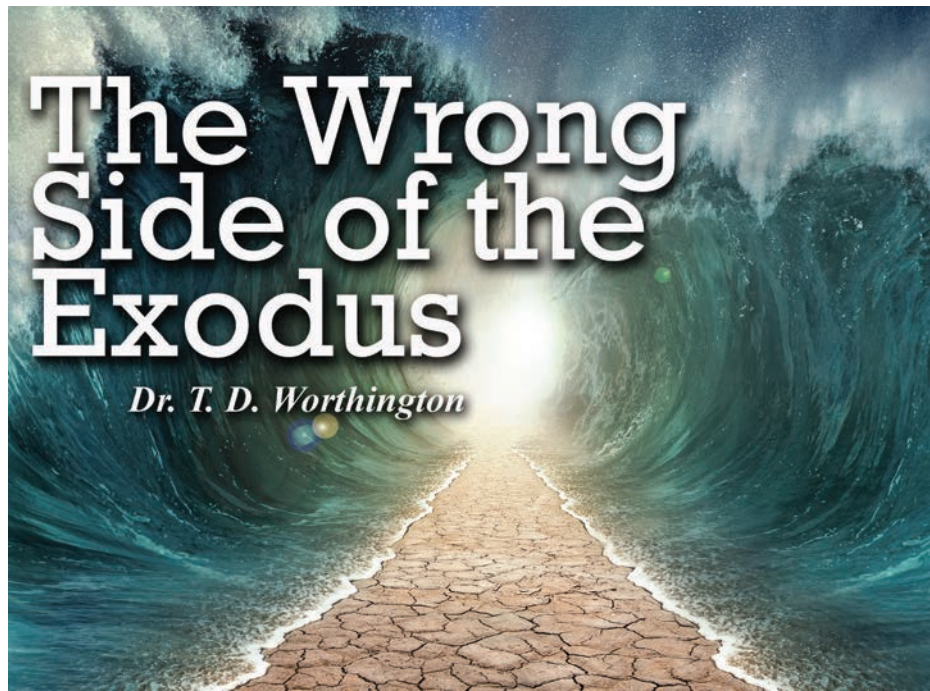
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The Exodus is one of the most remarkable stories in the Bible. After 400 years of slavery, the children of Israel were finally being redeemed from their Egyptian taskmasters. This is a powerful story about people in slavery who rose up against tyranny. Although they would face many hardships, they would eventually inhabit a new promised land under a new covenant and law.

The story is so profound it has been repurposed over the years to exemplify a multitude of causes. The Exodus story was borrowed by many who came to the new world. Many felt they were escaping the bondage of their Egypt and heading for their own promised land. During the American Revolution, our founding fathers drew consolation from the Exodus story. To demonstrate the comparison, some wanted to depict Moses on the Great Seal of the United States. Like Moses, America too was rebirthing itself with a new covenant and a new law. The Exodus symbolism was also used by both sides during Mr. Lincoln's War Between the States. Both Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King

would draw inspiration from the Exodus in explaining the plight of African-Americans.

Of course, today the Exodus story has been all but eliminated from most public school and college classrooms, so it is not as well known in modern society. That is a great loss, for it is such a revealing story filled with meaningful lessons. It is a story of how two million people, under the direction of God and the leadership of Moses, left the bondage of Egypt for the anticipated milk and honey of the Promised Land.

However, there is another side of the event that is not often discussed. As positive as the Exodus was for the Children of Israel, let's consider its detrimental effects upon Egypt:

**First**, Egypt's economic system would be severely crippled. As horrific as slavery may be, you cannot instantly take that much free labor out of the work force and not leave a nation toddling near economic disaster. The so-called "*Reconstruction*" of the American south certainly attests to this fact.

**Second**, Egypt's military was severely crippled. I am sure Egypt had many more soldiers than those who drowned in the Red Sea, but I am equally sure Pharaoh would have been surrounded by the most elite and well-trained forces available. These soldiers were the cream of the crop, and now they were gone.

**Third**, Egypt's political system was crippled. There is some debate as to whether Pharaoh was killed in the sea, but if not, he would certainly return as a weakened and defeated king. This would not be great press for a man who reckoned himself to be a god.

**Fourth**, Egypt's religious system was all but destroyed. Egypt was a land of many gods, and the plagues were intended to be a "*smiting blow*" of judgment against the "*gods*" of Egypt. Each of the plagues was designed to neutralize confidence in these false deities. For example, Osiris and several lesser gods were associated with the Nile River. When the water was turned to blood, the reputation of the river deities was destroyed. When the sun was darkened for three days; the light from Ra the sun god was quenched by the powerful God of the Hebrews.

It was an awesome spectacle as some two million Hebrews made their way from the land of Goshen toward the Red Sea, but as we have seen, *it was no fun being on the wrong side of the Exodus.*

#### *Another Exodus Is Coming*

The next Exodus of God's people will occur at the rapture of the church. We will also be leaving a land of oppression. Satan, the god of this world, is doing everything to keep God's people in slavery and bondage.



Unlike Moses, Christ will not ask for permission to take His people to their promised land. Also, He will wait for His people to depart before he begins distributing horrendous plagues upon the earth. This Exodus will be worldwide, but once again, those departing will be limited to the members of God's family.

Yet, just like in the land of Egypt, the Exodus of the church will level a crippling blow to the earth. So much in fact, the Lord says if those days were not shortened no flesh would be left alive on the entire planet. ***Once again, it will not be fun being on the wrong side of the Exodus.***

Just as there was a great Exodus in the past, and a greater Exodus destined for the future, there is also a great Exodus occurring today.

### ***An Exodus from Christian Families***

Ask any Christian parent what their greatest desire might be and they will likely respond by saying, *"I want my children to accept Christ and faithfully follow Him all the days of their lives."* Unfortunately, many parents face the unbearable experience of watching their children leave the faith as they grow older. A study conducted several years ago by the Southern Baptist Convention indicated they were losing up to 88 percent of their youth after their freshman year in college. It was also revealed that an astounding 70 percent of teenagers involved in church youth groups stop attending church within two years of their high school graduation.

Although the reasons behind this exodus from the faith of our fathers may be many, one of the answers to this epidemic might be quite simple.

You see, all too often Christian parents fail to demonstrate the reality and importance of their faith. Children need to see faith in action. They need to see that God is the reason they live in a happy and peaceful home (*assuming they do*). They need to see the kind of home they will wish to have when they grow up. They need to see that God's Word is important. Children must recognize that to Dad and Mom the Bible carries the very authority of God himself.

Children need to see that church is important to their parents. Then, if they have respect for Dad and Mom, they will likely have respect for the church, also. Parents need to put their faith in action. Children need parents who are passionate about their faith, who have a passion to worship the King, a passion for prayer, and a passion for Christian service. *Every parent is painting a portrait of God for their children. What does your picture look like?*

Children need to learn to trust in the Lord, but as the apostle Paul warns us, how can they believe when they've not heard? Do your children *"hear"* about God from your words and actions? Even though children are under our authority for a relatively short time, our parental influence in their lives is significant.



In the Old Testament, Moses stressed to his people the importance of teaching children about the LORD and His commands, decrees, and laws:

***"And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates."***

**Deuteronomy 11:19-20**

And in the New Testament, parents are commanded to raise their children in the:

***"nurture and admonition of the Lord."***

**Ephesians 6:4**

The importance of teaching our children the truth of Scripture at an early age is put into perspective by this sobering statistic from Barna: only about six percent of people who are not Christians by age 18 will become Christians later in life. That frightening thought should reverberate deeply in the hearts of parents who aspire to have their children attain the eternal life that Jesus Christ died to give us. There is a huge Exodus from Christian families, and like Egypt, ***it is no fun being on the wrong side of the Exodus.***

### *An Exodus from Christian Schools and Colleges*

A few years ago when Christian parents were selecting a school for their children, they often looked for a Christian school. They looked for Christian administrators and teachers, a God focused curriculum, and a wholesome environment. They were rarely as concerned about secular accreditation, the sports program, or the beauty of the campus.

Today parents have a host of secular questions about teaching techniques, common core, and academic credentials, long before the questions finally move on to the spiritual dimension. Most Christians, including Christian leaders, do not see the importance of a Christian education today. So, Christian schools, unless they can convince the parent they are really a secular school where you can still pray and read your Bible, are slowly beginning to die.

The same is true for Christian colleges. Most have made the transition from a Christian college to a liberal arts college in order to survive. It is sad to see Christian schools and colleges closing or compromising. ***Once again, it is no fun being on the wrong side of the Exodus.***

### *An Exodus from Churches and Ministries*

A record number of people are leaving what we might call fundamentalist Bible-believing churches. Although these churches may vary some in their theology, in general, they believe in the literal truth and inerrancy of the Bible, the virgin birth, and literal resurrection of Christ; they emphasize original sin and human depravity, they teach the need to accept Christ as one's Saviour in order to avoid eternal

damnation; they believe in a literal Heaven and Hell, along with actual angels, demons, and Satan; and they usually believe in evangelism to the world and separation from the world.

Many churches have tried to stop the exodus by utilizing various forms of contemporary worship. However, I personally believe this will soon run its course. Modeling worship after commercial entertainment is a compromise of our real identity.

Have you noticed that many churches today are explicitly constructed not to look and feel too much like a religious place? This is a stark contrast to the churches of old. It is interesting that recent research from Barna found that 67 percent of millennials prefer a "classic" church building over a modernized structure. It was also interesting that 77 percent would rather worship in a "sanctuary" over an auditorium.

People are not just forsaking churches; they are also forsaking other Christian ministries. In a recent edition of Giving USA, it was noted that giving to religion is on the decline, while giving to other charities has actually increased. Americans are a generous people and have actually increased their giving by 12.3 percent since 2009. Sadly giving to religious causes has decreased 2.4 percent over the same period.

A few decades ago over 50 percent of the adult population gave to religious causes. Today, that number has dropped to 31 percent. Furthermore, of that number the current level of household giving only amounts to 2.58 percent of their annual income. Sadly, this mirrors a 2008 Smith-Emerson study which shows that 20

percent of American Christians give nothing.

This is one of the reasons churches and ministries are struggling. Perhaps, that also explains the challenges we have faced during our recent **Share-A-Thon** fund drives. Can you imagine the additional impact should the charitable tax deduction be eliminated or threatened? Hundreds of additional superficial givers will likely cease their giving.

We are seeing an Exodus as people forsake the church and stop their support of Christian ministries, and ***once again, it is no fun being on the wrong side of the Exodus.***

We are going to be on the "good side" of the Exodus at the rapture of the church. However, we are on the bad side of the Exodus **from** the church, **from** our Christian institutions, and **from** our Christian families.

This hemorrhaging must stop. May each of us do our part. We must demonstrate for our children the reality and value of the Christian faith. We should support our Christian schools, colleges, and seminaries, and we must support by our prayers, attendance, service, and by giving to our local churches and other worthwhile and faithful ministries. These Godly institutions are facing an exodus of Biblical proportions, and you can be assured, it is ***no fun being on the wrong side of the Exodus.***



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As you may know, we are increasing our **Fall Share-A-Thon** goal this year to \$275,000.00. I am sure some may consider this to be foolish. After all, we did not reach our goal last year. We also had a deficit in the spring. However, it has always been our policy to ask for what we need regardless of the amount. Changing that policy and asking for less than we need to maintain our ministry seems faithless and foolish.

However, I believe our God is anxious not only to answer, but to over-answer unselfish prayers. When you got saved, all you asked God for was forgiveness and salvation. Yet, look at how He over-answered that prayer. He gave you the Holy Spirit. He also gave you love, peace, joy unspeakable, and a thirst for more of Jesus. He gave

you protection from the Devil and a hatred for sin. You asked only to be saved and cleansed, but God has poured out blessing upon blessing to you! He has over-answered you!

He did the same for Solomon. Solomon asked only for an understanding heart. God not only gave him his request, but He also promised to give him wisdom, honor, riches, and a prolonged life.

Actually, the Bible is filled with God over-answering the humble prayers of His people. Perhaps **Ephesians 3:20** sums it up perfectly:

*“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...”*

God isn't able just to answer our prayers. He wants to do for us exceedingly abundantly above all we can even imagine! He wants to answer us according to His riches and might.

*“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the*

*things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.”*

**I Corinthians 2:9-10**

God is beyond our comprehension of love, power, and greatness, and He is virtually begging us to ask for great things! Asking for great but legitimate needs is an action displaying faith in our great God. After all, who would dare make such a mighty request of an unloving, weak, and powerless God?

So, as you pray for our **Fall Share-A-Thon**, please remember: *“... he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”*

**Hebrews 11:6**



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## ***Wednesday, October 4th – A Day Of Fasting And Prayer Hungering For God – Teamwork Makes The Dream Work***

If you are a listener of *GoMix Christian Radio*, it should be of no surprise to you by now that our **Fall Share-A-Thon** begins on **Monday, October 9th**. As mentioned on the previous page, we do have some pretty big financial needs right now for this ministry. We are still catching up from the devastating effects caused by hurricane Matthew last year and the fact that we did not quite meet our goal during our last fund drives. Yes, the needs are indeed great... but our God is greater!

Over the past few months, we have done everything humanly possible to prepare for this **Share-A-Thon**. We have spent numerous hours on the phones and in meetings with food vendors, volunteers, pastors, musicians, and potential on-air guests. Knowing we represent the name of Christ, we have asked our Lord for wisdom and guidance with each and every task as we know they all, great and small, should be done to the best of our abilities.

We are now in the final days leading up to **Day # 1** of our **Fall Share-A-Thon**, and we come to you, our *Faith Partners* and *Business Underwriters*, with a special request...

We are setting aside **Wednesday, October 4th**, as **a special day of fasting and prayer** here at *GoMix Christian Radio* and we are asking you to please join us.

Sure, we covet your prayers in all seasons at all times throughout the year, but we also believe there is power in numbers. We know God hears the prayers of an individual believer, but there is something extra special about numerous believers praying for a specific purpose at the same time. God's Word also tells us that some prayers need to be accompanied with fasting, a willingness to put spiritual needs and requests above physical needs. When an issue in the life of a believer is of great importance and an answer from the Lord is needed, the Bible teaches us to fast and pray.

The *GoMix* staff will be in prayer on this specific day, **October 4th**. Some will also feel led to fast, but that will be a personal decision for each individual as it will be for you. Will you mark this special day on your calendar and remember to pray for our **Fall Share-A-Thon**? As this special day will also be a Wednesday, and many churches will be having their prayer meeting service, will you pray for us there as well? We are believing our Lord will do great things through His people. We have done everything we know to do to prepare for the coming weeks, and now we are bringing it to Him for His blessing. Stand with us, Brothers and Sisters. Teamwork makes the dream work!

*\*We'd love to know you'll be joining us on **Wednesday, October 4th**, for a day of fasting and prayer! Let us know by contacting us at [share@gomixradio.org](mailto:share@gomixradio.org).*





# But if not...

*Mrs. Sherry Worthington*

It is lurking like a shadow over my head. Every time I turn around it raises its ugly head. I think I have beaten it, and it returns again. Why can't I escape this feeling inside? I have never been afraid of storms before. By the time you read this article, we will know the results of Hurricane Irma. I am praying it will go out to sea. But if not.....

I have been in several storms in my lifetime. The first bad one I remember was when I was a child. The hurricane happened when we were at my grandmother's house. She lived in a small house on a fishing canal. The house jutted out over the canal, and I could feel the house moving as the waves beat against the house. Was I afraid? No, I slept through it. I guess I figured my dad had everything under control. I have been through and

slept through many storms since that time. I prepared for them the best I could, and then I went about doing whatever I would normally do. I had a lot of faith or was just too naïve to know the difference.

In the past twenty years, I have become a little more leery of storms. I guess Hurricane Floyd was the one that got my attention. Don't get me wrong! I have seen many hurting people on the news, and I have been sad for them as well as thankful I didn't live in Tornado Alley or other areas that seem to be the hardest hit with storms. I have prayed for the families that had lost so much and felt sorry for them. However, when I look at the news and see the people hurting in Texas, I really hurt for them. Hurricane Matthew changed things. I truly know how they feel. It is hard to imagine three times the

damage from Hurricane Matthew. Harvey dropped about three times more rain than Matthew. That would have almost covered the Academy building.

I must admit, even after Floyd I figured that this was a once-in-a-lifetime thing. We would all recover and move on. We would pick up the pieces and continue with life as usual. Naively, I thought we are in the 500 year flood plain, so this wouldn't happen again in my lifetime. Well, a few years back we had a different type of storm hit close to home. A tornado passed through Snow Hill. A tornado mind you! What on earth? We rarely have tornados in this part of the country. That only happens in Kansas. It hit several businesses and a school in our area. I guess they don't belong to Kansas anymore. It was unbelievable.



When Matthew hit, it forever changed my outlook on storms. I am not pleased with my anxiety in this area. I am not in panic mode mind you, but I am very concerned. I realize the greatest tragedy in a storm is the loss of life. Those families who lost loved ones lost far more than we did. I hurt for them because they can never bring that loved one back. No monetary value can be put on the loss of life.

Many people lost property as well as many memories with Hurricane Matthew. It hit the ministry hard. We are still recovering. Shortly after the students got back into the academy, another flood came. Unfortunately, many people in our area were flooded twice in one year. That is when I realized I would never think of storms the same way. Our students were on edge the whole time. We wondered if it would come up to the academy. I assured them we were not in danger of flooding this time. The projections showed that it was not coming this far. We all breathed a sigh of relief when the waters started to subside.

Now I am faced with the same questions about Irma. I hesitated to be this transparent with you, but I felt if I was having these feelings, then many of you may be, too. The aftermath of Hurricane Matthew was the bad part, but this time we may be having a level 4 storm. At this point, I am telling everyone not to worry; it is too far out to tell. We need to pray that the storm will go out to sea. Do not panic!

But what if it doesn't, Mrs. Worthington? What if it comes right towards us? What are we going to do? What if the school floods again?

What if... So, what is my response? How do I answer these questions that I am having myself? I fully believe that God is able to deliver us from this storm. His hand is strong enough to push it out to sea. What if He chooses not to? In **Daniel 3:18**, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered, *"But if not..."*

They were about to be thrown into a fiery furnace for not bowing to the king's image. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had the courage to tell the king God could deliver them if He chose, but if He did not, they were



still going to serve God. They did not put God on trial because of their circumstances. God is always good!

I learned many things from Hurricane Matthew. I learned things about myself as well as others. I have a new appreciation for the people that I work with and many parents in our school. I also have seen what God can do with a tragedy. **Romans 8:28** is very real in my life. It has been on many occasions and Hurricane Matthew was no different. *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to*

*them who are the called according to His purpose."*

This verse does not teach that all things are good; it teaches all things work together for good...to them that are His! God's children! All of the great times and all of the tragedies in life can work together for our good. What we learn from a situation is up to us. Everything we go through has the potential to make us stronger and closer to our Lord. Our attitude and our reactions to a situation control how much we let God take charge of our lives.

So, what is my answer? I am praying that God will send Hurricane Irma out to sea, *but if not*, I will trust Him. I know He loves me, and He would not allow anything in my life that could not work together for good. Am I still nervous about her? I would be lying if I said no. I don't think God is upset with that. I am sure God knows we have fears and concerns. I believe He is pleased when we admit our fears to Him, as long as we still trust Him. Job stated, though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.

God will get us through this storm as He has done through many other trials in our lives. Difficulties will come in this sin cursed world. God does not protect us from them all; He just helps us through them.

*But if not...* will you trust Him?



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Okay, okay, I know... It hasn't even started yet, and you're already just about overwhelmed with **Share-A-Thon** information. But WAIT! Before you roll your eyes and skip to the next page, hear me out (*or read my thoughts out, rather*). I'm about to get a little personal about my giving. Not so much about *what* I'm giving, but *why* I'm giving it. Keep in mind, when I say "I" and "me" I'm actually referring to myself and my husband, Doug, as one (*I think I read somewhere we could do that after fifteen years or so*). We earn together as one and give together as one. Now, back to my thoughts...

One thing is certain about this old world lately, its certainty is uncertain. Yes, thoughts in sentences like these are why I often stutter when talking live during **Share-A-Thon**. But seriously, look at the changes in our country just over the past 15 years. Same-sex marriage, partial-birth abortions,

pornography at the click of a button, "*Big Brother*" on every corner, localized terrorism, the televising of Christians being beheaded, people thinking for some reason it's wrong to say "*Merry Christmas*" and offensive to paint an American flag on the side of a building in (*ahem*) AMERICA, and so on and so forth. Things are moving and changing so fast! The world calls it "*progress*", but most of it is backwards. Things like technology are not necessarily bad. Without it, we wouldn't have Christian radio or the ability to print this publication. But this "*progress*" as it's called is scary and filled with uncertainty for the life of the believer should the Lord tarry.

We first started giving to **GoMix Christian Radio** long before I ever talked behind a microphone or wrote an article for this ministry. We had been married less than 6 months and signed up for the *Sergeant's Club* at \$15/month. At that time, in late



2002, I was on the road a lot as a mail carrier, and **GoMix** was about the only Christian frequency I could pick up on my mail route. I listened all day. Those first few years of marriage you can bet I learned a lot from listening to programs like Focus on the Family and Turning Point every morning. I gave because I used **GoMix** and I learned from it.

Let's skip ahead to present day, 15 years later. The days of delivering mail are far behind me. I worked full-time for the ministry for a while, but now I mostly volunteer here as I am a full-time registered nurse. Yes, I still listen to **GoMix**. Honestly, being older now, I usually just enjoy the quiet on my commute, and sometimes I don't even turn on the radio. I use that time to talk to the Lord or just think about things. I listen to a lot of podcasts and talk/news programs downloaded on my phone. I don't have satellite radio in my vehicle, but I can see how if you do, you may not always listen to **GoMix** as much as maybe you used to years ago. With all of that being said, though I probably listen less now than I used to, we are giving more in financial support than we ever have before. What started out at \$15/month, has grown to well over a *General's Club*. I'm not telling you this to be boastful by any means. I'm telling you this because I want you to know that after 15 years of giving, the Lord has always blessed and been faithful to meet our needs as we have given to support Christian ministries. We are also firm believers in tithing and that gift we give monthly to our church.

So, back to our country and the uncertainty of the future. Not only do we give because the Lord has been faithful, we give because there may come a day when we can't. What if **GoMix** isn't here 15 years from now? What if Christian radio has been outlawed? Does it really sound so far-fetched? Did I not just mention you need permission to paint an American flag on a building

in America or you might get in trouble if you say "*Merry Christmas*" at certain companies? It hasn't been that long ago a group of pastors in Houston were having to hand over typed sermons to attorneys for the city's approval because they made comments about trans-gender bathrooms behind their pulpits. One day, there may not be a **GoMix Christian Radio** to give to, and I want to know I gave and supported as long as I could and did everything in my power to keep Christian programming on the air. So, I give because right here and right now I can, and it means something!

It means something to my bed-ridden grandmother in the nursing home who can listen to songs about Jesus and Heaven when someone turns the radio on for her even though she can't give. I give because I may be her one day, and I would want someone to give for me.

I give because I have a daughter, 9 nephews, and 6 nieces that don't know what it's like to grow up in a world where most mommies and daddies stay together, people don't blatantly curse God's name on every TV channel, and history is learned from instead of rewritten to make it tickle the ears as it goes in. I give because I want **GoMix** to be there should they be overwhelmed one day in their first year of marriage and need a little guidance







So, there you have it. I actually give for a lot of reasons. It's not that I would never make it without **GoMix**. Somedays it would be tough, but that's not why I give. I don't give because it necessarily makes a daily difference to me as much as it used to, I give because it makes a difference to someone, somewhere. If not today, it might tomorrow. Although I didn't start giving until 2002, I listened for several years prior to that. Someone else made that investment in my life. A bunch of someone else's, I guess. Many of whom I will never know on this side of Heaven, but I'm glad I was their *why*.

from a program like Focus on the Family. I give because I want them to be able to hear Dr. David Jeremiah or even one of our local pastors if they are needing to be fed spiritually.

I give because I know the staff at **GoMix** personally, and though they are not perfect, I know they care for those that call in with needs and special prayer requests. I have seen them cry on the phone with strangers as they pray for God to meet their needs. I have then seen them hang up the phone, write down a specific prayer request from a caller, photocopy it, and then pass it out to other staff members encouraging them likewise to pray for those needs to be met. I give because should my child or future grandchildren ever have a need and for some reason can't turn to me, I want **GoMix** to be there for them to call.

Maybe you have never given or maybe you have, but you've never really considered *why*. Maybe you can't think of any reasons to give. Never mind, that was a silly thought. My guess is, if anything is holding you back, it's because you're over-considering the *why not's* and under-considering the *whys*. Believe me, there are a whole bunch of *whys* out there! It might even be a future you!



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**D. M.**

*I believe a true pastor is hand-picked by God to care for His people. It takes a special person to deny self and take on the problems of others. Pastors are called and chosen to be the caretaker over our souls. God gave me a lion and a lamb all in one. My pastor will stand up to me and for me. He has a heart for people and loves deeply. He has the spirit of excellence, and he brings out the very best in me. I've grown in my walk with the Lord because of my pastor's teaching and preaching. He has a unique way of presenting the Word. He makes it so plain that even a child couldn't misunderstand. Words can't express how grateful I am to my heavenly Father for placing this true Man of God in my life. To God be the glory!*

**J. G.**

*I will never know the challenges faced on a daily basis by my pastor. I know the challenges I face and how much I fall, and I'm not nearly half the man of God he is. If Satan spends so much time trying to trip me up, how much more time does he spend trying to attack someone with far greater influence than I? I know my pastor is not perfect, but I truly believe he tries to live to be an example of Jesus, and I hope*

*he knows how appreciated and loved he really is. Watching him over the years and getting to know him personally, I've never seen his faith waiver, though he has faced loss and uncertainty that would make others want to give up. Maybe he has had moments of doubt, but as a leader, he would never show it outwardly. Even now, as he is getting a little older, he will still smile and tell you he's feeling "great" when you know by the tired look on his face or small limp when he walks, he isn't. He's always been quick to give the benefit of the doubt to those I would have probably cast aside long ago. He is patient, kind, enjoys a good laugh, is not afraid to stand up for what he believes in, even if it means standing alone, and he preaches in such a way that everyone can relate. Thank you, Pastor, for all you do – even when you think no one is watching.*

**T. J.**

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