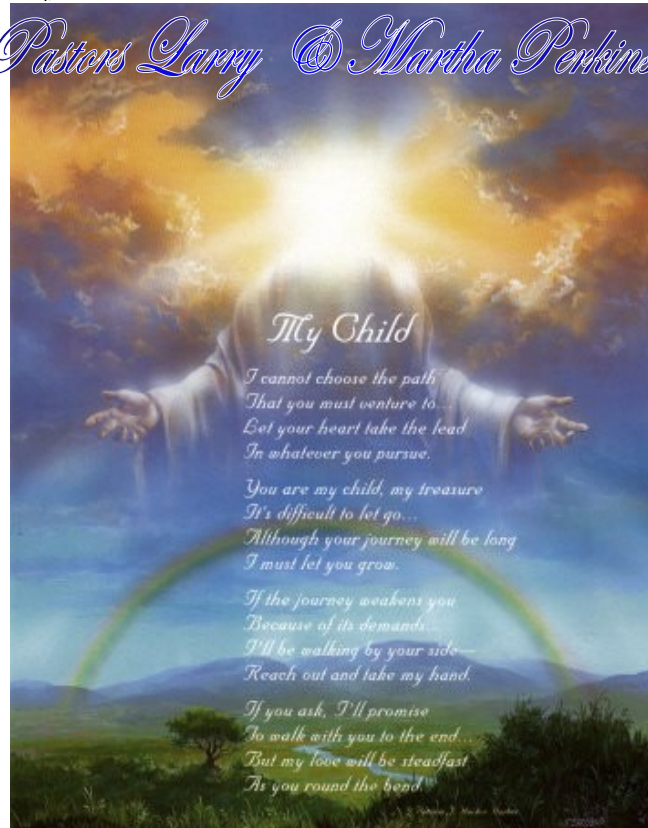


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"Determination"

Isaiah 50: 6&7.. "I gave my back to the smitters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face

from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me: Therefore shall I not be confounded: Therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

The prophet here is speaking of the suffering of Christ which was fulfilled when Jesus went to the cross. Even though Christ knew that he must suffer all these things, never one time did he back away from the task set before him. *I set my face like a flint*, means he was determined to face his destiny and death, being fully persuaded not to allow one thing to stop him from going to the cross. The Hebrew word for *flint* is *challamysh* which means *hard as a flint rock or adamant*. Do you know someone that is adamant about something? This means they are determined to do whatever they must do without changing their mind. This is the same kind of determination that Christ had when he went to the cross. We must have this same kind of determination when we start on our journey for Christ. Jesus knew the only way man could ever get back to God and be redeemed from sin was through his death. Many times Satan tried to kill Jesus, but the only death that could redeem man back to God was the death of Christ on the cross. Once the people spoke of stoning Christ. Another time they wanted to throw him off the cliff. Old Testament prophecies said *they would pierce his hands and his feet*. It spoke of the

smitters and gamblers casting lots for his garments. Everything that happened, happened according to the scriptures. His death on the cross fulfilled ALL these prophecies. Jesus was determined, and set his face like a flint, he was adamant in his will to go to the cross and die. He would not allow anything to hinder his death on the cross.

The determination of Christ, is an example to us. We too must be hardened, determined, adamant, not to be distracted or side-tracked by the world or things around us. We must make it to heaven and this comes, ONLY, through our determination.

The ole' song *I Shall Not Be Moved* says this, *Just like a tree planted by the living waters, I shall not be moved...* "Let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:9 Jesus also said, "*Strive to enter in.*" Luke 13:24

Are Christians ever discouraged? Are they disappointed? Are they tired of fighting these battles? The answer to ALL these questions is...Yes Yes Yes. We get tired, we get weary, we get discouraged, disappointed, and sometimes feel there is no use of going on. The Holy Spirit helps our infirmities (weaknesses). The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to press on. We are not alone. We can make it. We can endure. So let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. With God we can make it.

With God all things are possible.

Be encouraged.

Press on, In Jesus Name.

You Can Make It!

Pastor Larry Perkins



The Ant and the Contact Lens

A True Story by Josh and Karen Zarandona

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was very scared, she went with a group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took hold of the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens.

Well, here she is, on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there.

Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff.

She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it on it's back.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

It would probably do some of us a lot of good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will."



Weekly Scripture Reading ...

One Week without the Word of God makes
One Weak!

Reading and studying God's Word is like
eating a sweet honeycomb..

Sunday: Matthew 28:16-20 Psalm 33:4-9,18-22

Monday: Matthew 5:1-12 Psalm 121:1-8

Tuesday: Matthew 5:13-16 Psalm 4:2-5,7-8

Wednesday: Matthew 5:17-19 Psalm 16:1-2,4-5,8,11

Thursday: Matthew 10:7-13 Psalm 98:1-6

Friday: Matthew 5:27-32 Psalm 27:7-9,13-14

Saturday: Matthew 5:33-37 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-10

GTC Youth IS

Going To Youth Camp

Our Road block this past Saturday was a smashing success.... We are still short of money to pay the fee for all the children.... WILL YOU HELP US???? We need YOU!!! To help us by SPONSERING A CHILD FOR CAMP! The Full Amount for One child is approximately \$130.00. WILL YOU HELP US!!! We have one more road block to work... We are working hard to raise the funds... please help us to send our youth to camp. For further information, see Sister Tracie Perkins Brother Paul Perkins

Weekly Meetings

CENTRE, ALABAMA

Monday Night

Brother Ed & Sister Stephanie Sherrod

7:00 P.M.

For more information call: 256-927-6355

Fort Payne, Alabama

Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m.

300 8th Street S.E.

Fort Payne, Alabama

Bro. Howard Bryant 256-997-7872

Friday Night - 7:00 p.m.

2311 Hill Ave.

Brother Harold & Sister Betty Tidmore's Home

For information call 256-547-5183

Saturday Night

Brother Don & Juanita Berkey's Home

For information

Call 256-328-2152

Gospel Truth Church
Weekly Service
Schedule

Sunday School.....	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship.....	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship.....	6:00 pm
Tuesday Night Miracle Service.....	7:00 pm
Youth Service 1st & 3rd Saturday Night..	6:30 pm

Fellowship Breakfast

The 3rd Sunday of each month

Time:

8:00 am

Place:

Western Sizzlin Restaurant

Rainbow City, AL.

Everyone is invited to come and experience the wonderful fellowship and prayer service that we have at these breakfasts.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

Derek Keener 1
Jessee Rodriguez 1
Janie Daniels 8
Mary Jo Martin 9
Melody Perkins 10
Jennifer Daffron 12
Barbara Cash 13
Nancy Styron 13
Joyce Gossett 17
Lucille Rainey 22
Jessica Battles 23
Robert Jones 24
Virginia Battles 25
Bobby Williams 25
Alisha Annia 25
Doyle Cook 26
Ashley Gossett 28
Angie Horton 28
Lydia Berkey 30

June Anniversaries

James & Rachel Crowe 5

Jean Hutto	492-5099
Lucille Rainey	492-8573
Louise Barber	613-5353
Pastor's Prayer line	1-800-715-8868

Joshua 24:15
Watch

Pastor Perkins and others
T.V. 24 Jacksonville, Alabama
Gadsden Cable- Channel 8