

**Thank you again...Alexis Brown!  
Speaker for Today**

### **Weary?**

*“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

Matthew 11:28-29

### **Great News...The Power of the Gospel**

**Armando Duque**

**was baptized last Wednesday evening!  
Address and phone number coming soon.**

### **September Birthdays**

6 Melinda McCollum 11 Marie Burruss 15 Marcos Perales  
16 Jim Burruss 30 Kurt Hoffman

#### **Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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# ***Indio Informer***

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- ***“Fight the good fight”***
- ***“Keep the faith”***
- ***“Finish the course”***

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### **A Prayer for Strength When Weary**

From Crosswalk Contributor

Lord, I'm weary. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is lagging. And I am so in need of You. I need Your strength and Your fresh touch to get back on track again. Your Word says the joy of the Lord is my strength. If that's true, then I need Your joy to replace all the bone-tired parts of my mind, body, and soul.

The pressures of life sometimes push me into a corner, rendering me helpless to move forward. A hundred voices call my name, and I feel paralyzed at times to answer, not knowing where to turn. Lord, help me not to quit, to keep running the race faithfully, and to find strength in that safe, secret place of Yours, under the shadow of the Almighty.

I need Your strength to say no when I'm tempted to surrender to harmful things, or when selfishness clings to my clothes and won't let go. I need Your strength to say yes, when cowardice and fear nudge me to deny the convictions of my heart. I need Your strength to reach out in love to those both close to me and all around me. When don't I need Your strength, God?

You are my Rock, and I run to You today, believing that You will lift up my heavy arms, that You will fuel me for the tasks You've given me, and that Your joy will completely consume

the weakness of my life and make me strong again. I don't want to stay grounded, crippled by limitations and failed attempts. I'm tired of feeble efforts. Lord, I want to mount up with wings like an eagle and not just fly. I want to soar.

Renew my strength, Lord. Fill me with Your supernatural power to overcome each obstacle in my path. With my eyes on You, Lord, with You walking beside me, working through me, I can make it. Thank You, Lord! In Jesus's name, Amen.

### **Washed in the Blood**

By Andrew Beasley

There have been times in my life where I have felt hopeless. When one thinks of biblical hope one may think of confident expectation. That helps to illustrate what hopelessness truly is. An absence of confident expectation of good things to come. In the long term one might think of salvation, but in the short term it is applicable to good things in life. For those who have not experienced hopelessness to an extreme degree it is hard to comprehend why someone might hurt themselves or go to even greater, more devastating lengths.

In moments of hopelessness the words of the 23rd Psalm may come to mind. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for You are with me. While we may not fear evil, and while the Lord certainly is with us, there are times when evil still wins. There are times when doubts creep in and cause our confident expectation to falter. I hope that as we are reading this, and the hope we have within us is faltering, we know that we are not alone. All have been there. And most importantly, even though we have faltered, the Lord has not.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death, He is there. Just as He remained steadfast when Peter started to sink after walking on the water out to Him (Matthew 14:22-33), He remains steadfast for us. And our hope is built on nothing less than His blood and righteousness.

### **Why Does God Allow Trials?**

By Joe Slater

Trials, especially severe ones, tempt us to doubt God. "If God exists, and if He really is good, then why does He permit pain and suffering?" But does God's goodness require that our lives be a bed of rose petals?

Through Moses the Lord told His people Israel, "*You shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and to test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord*" (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).

The Israelites needed to suffer hunger to know the source of their blessings and to learn that satisfying one's physical hunger isn't the main purpose of life! Living by God's word surpasses filling the stomach with food. What kind of parents would just give their children everything they want with no conditions or expectations?

Such children would become soft, flabby, lazy, self-centered, and entitled. (Just look around! We're reaping a bitter harvest!) Children need to be tested, challenged, and made to endure difficulty so they mature into responsible, realistic adults.

It's no different with God's children. Though we may not enjoy it, we benefit from experiencing trials. Think of Joseph in Egypt; think of Daniel and his friends in Babylon. Most of all, think Jesus, "*the captain of (our) salvation,*" who was made "*perfect (complete) through suffering*" (Hebrews 2:10).

**Let us learn to see God's hand in trials!**