

I'm Fine, It's Fine, Everything is Fine

By Dean Murphy

“How are you?”

“Doing fine, how about you?”

“All good here.”

How many of these sorts of conversations have you had? Pleasantries exchanged, nothing real, nothing significant and nothing helpful. Look, I know we don't want to run down the list of all of our issues in every conversation, with every person we encounter. That being said, there should be a different sort of communication that we can engage in with those brothers and sisters within our spiritual family. The idea of sharing highs and lows with one another is a biblical principle ([Galatians 6:2](#), [Romans 12:15](#)). So, the question is, why don't we share more, with those folks who understand the challenges of life from a spiritual perspective? Here are just a few potential reasons:

Arrogance. Yep, that sounds ugly, but let's face it, our own arrogance can be a barrier to sharing our lives with our fellow Christians. Maybe we have painstakingly forged a persona and that persona doesn't allow for admitting spiritual/physical/emotional challenges. Our self-esteem will be impacted if we show a crack in the armor, our persona damaged. It takes courage

to allow others to see our struggles.

Fear. This can be a pretty long list. Fear of being judged harshly. Fear of a self-righteous response. Fear of our issues “getting out”. Fear of how we might be perceived going forward. Fear of being misunderstood. There are any number of fears that we equate with personal risk, but some risks might be worth taking.

Relationships. More specifically the lack of them. Building a level of trust that allows us to be able to share our challenges/concerns with others, requires intentional time and effort. Relationships don't just happen, they are created. Trust is wrought.

Selfishness. You know how this might go. If I share things with someone, they might do the same with me! Now we have created a situation. We now have a degree of responsibility to be helpful to the person that we initially were hoping to get some perspective from to help ourselves. The idea of reciprocating is fundamental to creating good relationships. It can't always just be about me.

Overconfidence. Why would I need anyone to lean on, any other perspective, someone to pray for me, a sounding board to bounce ideas off of? We are a self-sufficient lot aren't we? We

typically feel that we can do it ourselves, whatever “it” is. Overconfidence is self-limiting. By only relying on ourselves, we build a tight box around our potential.

Time. We have been fooled. Somehow, we have bought into the busyness that defines our society. We struggle to find the time to do all of the things expected of us professionally, in school and in our community. Even worse, those things are ever in front of us and demand a daily response. In many cases, taking time to be with our Christian family has become something we only

work into our calendars when we can. Loving one another is an action. Action requires our time. (John 13:34, 1 John 3:18)

Life is difficult. Life is challenging. Life is wonderful. God has established a spiritual family, to encourage, to support, to cheer and to cry... together. The opportunity to serve one another by participating in each other’s lives (Galatians 5:13) is unlimited. Work to grow closer through the lens of God’s word. Prefer one another. (Romans 12:10)

Right Hand

By Tom Vaught

In no way does this diminish our brothers and sisters who are left-handed, but the “right hand” is special in scripture. If you search for that phrase in your electronic Bible, then you will find that it occurs over a hundred times in most versions (NASB: 126, ESV: 136, NKJV: 158, NIV: 104) in scripture. In fact, the phrase is used in what may be the most often cited Old Testament passage appearing in the New Testament.

The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.”

(Psalm 110:1, ESV)

Jesus used this passage in Mark 12:35-37 to help those at the temple understand how David recognized the coming Messiah as his Lord. This passage not only speaks to David’s relationship to Jesus but also defines Jesus’ relationship with God. This phrase “right hand” seems archaic to us, but it had a well understood meaning in the time and culture of the scriptures. It was a concept so well understood that the disciples argued over who would sit at

the right hand of Jesus (Mark 10:37). Whoever sat at the right hand of the king spoke with the same authority as the king. David reveals through the Spirit that Christ would speak with and have the same authority as God the Father. Regardless of whether you are right-handed or left-handed, take a few moments to read Psalm 110 and meditate on the authority and power of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.



Upcoming Events

TODAY- Lupe and Ronnie would like to meet with all the ladies who are/want to participate in our "Food Committee" program. The meeting will be at 4pm in the fellowship hall.

Mon. Oct. 25—Teens Bible Basics at 6:30pm at the building.

Nov. 7—Monthly Potluck luncheon after morning worship with a 1pm afternoon service.

Nov. 14— Monthly Youth Devo after evening services.

Area Events—Schertz Lectures Nov. 14-17. More details are on the hallway bulletin board.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests

Please remember our members that are ill and homebound.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Scott DeDear, Ken and Sandra Marie, Mike McVey, Ann Pantel, Veronica Serenil, Clark Withers, Dee Gilpatrick, Faye Henderson, Sandy Malone.

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030.

Service Roster

Week of October 24, 2021

Sunday Morning

Announcements..... Bryant Siegel
Scripture Reading..... Jesse Moser
Song Leader Rick Bass

Opening Prayer Kirk FitzSimmons
Closing Prayer..... Ken Dorries

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... Jesse Moser
Cup..... Leon Morales
Offering..... Mike Atkinson
Assist..... Dan Fielder
Assist..... Kirk FitzSimmons
Assist..... Steve Randle

Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Bryant Siegel
Song Leader Ken Dorries

Opening Prayer Lupe Escojido
Closing Prayer..... James Cammock

Lord's Supper & Offering..... Jesse Moser & Leon Morales

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class Ronnie Scherffius
Song Leader Will Burleson
Devotional Doug Jobes

Other

Usher..... Allen Clifton
Prepare Communion Bass Family

Congregational News

Birthdays

Desmon Flonnory Oct. 24
Mary Jo White Oct. 24
Caitlin Serenil Oct. 28

Anniversaries

Phillip & Nicolette Garcia Oct. 29

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ronnie Scherffius
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Preacher

Ronnie Scherffius

Weekly Reading

“The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.” Psalm 93:4

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of October 17, 2021

A.M. Bible Class.....64
A.M. Worship.....84
P.M. Worship.....75
Monday Gospel Meeting.....46
Tuesday Gospel Meeting.....47
Wednesday Gospel Meeting.....47
Offering week of October 17, 2021.....\$ 3,530

Supported Works

Mani Pagidipalli *India*
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