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# WAIT on the Lord



## WHAT A GREAT LECTURESHIP WEEKEND!





By Dan Jenkins

## Gaps in the Walls, Must Be Filled

The Bible is filled with illustrations from the lives of ancient times which are then used to make great spiritual applications. When God spoke to Israel through His prophet Ezekiel, He used the expression of “a man standing in the gap” (Ezek. 22:30). We may not readily see what this man was doing, but it was well understood by the men in Ezekiel’s day.

**Men in the gap, breaches in the city walls and ancient warfare.** The cities in the Old Testament were protected by walls, watchmen on top of those walls and fortified gates. The most skilled soldiers were posted atop the walls to ensure the safety of the city. However, there were those times when enemy soldiers were able to break down the wall and create gaps so they could enter and plunder the city. When such emergencies occurred, it was imperative that someone, even if he was not a highly trained soldier, stand in that gap and protect the city at all cost.

**Gaps in the wall around the city of Jerusalem in Ezekiel’s day.** This imagery was used by Ezekiel to describe what was spiritually happening to Israel. Spiritual gaps were in the walls, yet not one person was willing to do anything about them. There were political gaps. The rulers were self-centered and unashamedly taking bribes to become wealthy (Ezek.

22:27). There were religious gaps created by their leaders who used their positions to take the possessions of the people and oppressed the poor, especially widows (Ezek. 22:25). They also covered their actions by acting like they were working on these gaps and claimed to see visions from God (Ezek. 22:23-28). They were even making up messages and saying, “Thus says the Lord.” Inside the walls there were the citizens creating “gaps” by oppression and robbery (Ezek. 22:29). The gaps were obvious, but nothing was being done to close them. God said, “So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Me...but I found no one” (Ezek. 22:29).

**Gaps in our walls, and God looks for a man.** There are gaps all around us locally and nationally. There are gaps in our homes when parents are too busy to stand for what is right. There are gaps in the church when preaching has so little Scripture.

God looks for those to stand in the gaps. They must be vigilant. They must be courageous. They must be focused and determined to stand at all costs.

The question is whether you are willing to be that person to deal with the reality of gaps in the wall. Consider this. God is looking for just one person to stand in the gap. Godly men and women have stood in the gaps in the past. God is looking for a man to stand, and that person can be you!

**Walled cities were destroyed through gaps in the walls with no one to stand**



By David Sproule

## Does It Really Matter Who You Marry?

Marriage was created by God to be the closest human relationship that a person could have while living on this earth. Thus, when it comes to questions about marriage—including the choosing of a spouse—our source of wisdom and authority is not human or cultural but Divine! What does God teach about who a person should marry, and more specifically, who a Christian should marry?

**First, one must marry one of the opposite sex.** Read carefully the distinction that God made between male and female and how His design for marriage involves one male to one female (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25; Mark 10:6-9).

**Second, one must marry one who is eligible to marry.** God restricts those who can enter marriage to: (1) a person who has never been married (1 Cor. 7:28; 9:5); (2) a person whose spouse has died (Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:39); (3) a person who put away his/her spouse for fornication (Matt. 19:9).

**Third, a Christian must marry a Christian, and more specifically, a faithful Christian.** That statement may catch some off guard and even engender a sharp disagreement. But, let us consider some Biblical teachings and warnings on this subject and let Divine wisdom and authority lead us.

**In the Old Testament, God warned the Jews not to marry outside their faith.** They were not to “make marriages” with those who were not Jews, and He gave two specific reasons: (1) “For they will turn [you] away from following Me, to serve other gods,” and (2) “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God” (Deut. 7:1-6; cf. Ex. 34:10-16).

**In the Old Testament, God’s warnings to the Jews (if they married outside their faith) came true.** Although God instructed His people to “not intermarry,” Solomon did, and “his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God” (1 Kgs. 11:1-4). Many of the Jews later intermarried, “so that the holy seed is mixed,” and they were punished for their “iniquities” and “guilt” (Ezra 9-10).

**In the New Testament, God instructs Christians to marry faithful Christians.** Christians are to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33), and to “not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers” (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1). Would these instructions not include the choice of a spouse? It was specified that widows and apostles could marry “only” a brother/sister “in the Lord” (1 Cor. 7:39; 9:5). Would this not also apply to all Christians?

**God’s design for marriage is for a husband and wife to be “heirs together of the grace of life” (1 Pet. 3:7).** This requires that both be faithful children of God. It matters!

**Let us consider some Biblical teachings and warnings on this subject.**



By Josh Blackmer

## Who Is God to You?

There is a sign in front of you. On it are seven concentric circles. Each circle slightly smaller than the next and evenly layered in descending order to the centermost circle labeled “you.” This sign represents the people in your life and their level of importance to you.

The “you” in the center is not the you in the mirror or the you that everyone sees. It is the you mentioned in Jeremiah 1:5, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew YOU.” It is the most intimate and real you. No pretense or false bravado. No makeup or designer clothes. Just you. Each circle outside of you represents groups of people in your life. The closer to the center, the more important it is to you.

Let’s go through the levels. Level seven is perfect strangers. Someone you met on the street and of whom you have zero knowledge. Level six is acquaintances. You’ve met them, forgotten their name and know very little about them beyond that. Level 5 is co-workers and neighbors, people you are paid to be around or paid to live next to. Some of them are nice, but if it wasn’t for the money, you wouldn’t be around them. For some of them you question if the money is enough. Level four is friends. They are people you choose to be around. They are beyond just nice people. You actually en-

joy their company. Level three is family. We are back to not getting to choose this group, but you are obligated to do your best. These are people you are related to by birth, and they probably have some embarrassing stories to share about you. Level 2 is saved for immediate family. They do know you, and you know them. You may get cross from time to time, but there is nothing you wouldn’t do for them. Level one is you—your favorite person. It is important to note that some people can be in more than one circle. For example, you may have a friend that is closer than immediate family, or you may have family members that are just acquaintances.

**Spend time getting to know God in His word.**

Where does God fit in your sign of circles? Who is God to you? For many people, the answer is different. If you know nothing about God, then He is a stranger. If you think He exists but know nothing about Him, then He is merely an acquaintance. You can see where this is going. The more mature and deep the relationship, the closer you are to God and the closer He is to you. You have friends that you could spend hours with and never knew time passed. But sometimes, in worship or prayer, every moment is an eternity. When, where or how we worship will not change how close you are or are not to God. Spend time getting to know God in His word. I promise that your worship will deepen, prayer will come alive and your time spent in worship with the saints will not be a burden but a blessing.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### “The simplest and most significant lesson of all”

In the Marvel film, Doctor Strange, the Ancient One was trying to get a message through to the heart of a very self-centered man. These words seemed to hit the spot: “Arrogance and fear still keep you from learning the simplest and most significant lesson of all...It’s not about you.” The Ancient One absolutely nailed it! But, that truth did not originate with Marvel!

In the marvel-filled book, The Bible, the Ancient of Days is trying to get a message through to the hearts of a very self-centered creation. These words absolutely hit the spot: “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit...In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself...Give preference to one another in honor...He who is greatest among you shall be your servant...Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor” (Phil. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:10; Matt. 23:11; 1 Cor. 10:24). The Ancient of Days absolutely nailed it! He originated Truth!

Have I learned the simplest and most significant lesson of all? It’s not about me! – DS



### Jesus went back to those guys

In the closing hours of Jesus’ life, His closest friends argued in His very presence about “which of them should be considered the greatest” (Luke 22:24), they slept repeatedly while He was deeply distressed (Matt. 26:36-43), they “all...forsook Him and fled” (Matt. 26:56), and one of His very dear friends even invoked a curse and swore vehemently that he did not even know Jesus (Mark 14:71). Do you think Jesus was hurt by their insensitive and self-absorbed behavior? If He had an opportunity to be around them again, do you think He’d take it?

On the very day that He was raised from the dead (He didn’t wait a few days or weeks for things to cool off), Jesus went to the very place where these friends were gathered together. Do you think He told them off? No! Instead, He said to them (twice in one day and then again the next Sunday), “Peace to you” (John 20:19, 21, 26). Jesus didn’t want discord; He wanted peace!

Has someone hurt you? Have you hurt someone? Are you happy with discord? Or, have you extended peace (cf. Rom. 12:18)? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Bonnie Arthur</b>	recovering at home from car accident
<b>Sharon Feeney</b>	dealing with severe back issues
<b>Judie Jenkins</b>	recovering from foot surgery
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	Good Sam. Hospital (no visitors), dealing w/ severe pain
<b>Charles Norton</b>	recovering from heart catheterization (11/11)
<b>Tommy Pauldo</b>	ICU at Kindred Hospital (no visitors), critical condition
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	La Posada Rehab (room 2062), back surgery
<b>Jo Ann Rogers</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization

### Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

<b>Our Shut-Ins:</b>	Cora Lee Dennis	Janet Hickerson	Daniel Johnson	Godfrey Pratt
	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
Millie Ames	Margie Hardin	Shelton Howell	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Kathy Dean</b>	Linda Studer's sister, dealing with heart problems
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, still in the hospital
<b>Ennis Mitchell</b>	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer
<b>Winford Slone</b>	Betty Sanders' brother, recovering at home from strokes
<b>Twyla Wright</b>	Trina Wright's mother, recovering at home

**Remember Our Mission Works**

*Paraguay*  
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

*Pacific Islands*  
Robert & Mary Martin  
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan  
Joey & Tammy Treat

*Africa*  
Tamuka Arunashe  
Nnanna Aforji

*Montgomery, Alabama*  
Apologetics Press

*Coral Springs, Florida*  
Mauricio Yegros



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, November 13

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, November 14

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Tuesday, November 15

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

## Friday, November 18

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

## Saturday, November 19

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

## Sunday, November 20

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Ivan & Amber Villard** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and Pottery Barn. *It's a boy!*

## Wednesday, November 23

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

## Tuesday, November 29

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

## Sunday, December 4

- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Thursday, December 8

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink. Please bring an ornament to exchange. See Traci for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ  
**Young Adults**

## Sunday, November 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

## Friday, December 2

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, December 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown for details.

## Sunday, December 18

- ♦ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

## Saturday, January 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown for details.

## Sunday, January 15

- ♦ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.



**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

## Sunday, November 13

- ♦ **Jr. High Thanksgiving Lunch & Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Sunday, November 27

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship on the church property. Bring drinks and chairs.

## Friday, December 2

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, December 3

- ♦ **Young Families' Holiday Party** at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Bring a gender neutral gift and a donation to help with food and craft costs. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited. See Hollie Crofts for more details.

NOVEMBER:



## *To Rely on God*

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths” (Prov. 3:5-6).*

*“But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint” (Isa. 40:31).*

*“Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass” (Psa. 37:5).*

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6).*

**"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)**

# News & Notes



Sunday,  
November 6

This year's **Ladies' Soup Supper** will be on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink. Don't forget to bring an ornament for the exchange! All ladies are welcome. See Traci Sproule for more details.



Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help with this year's lectureship—registration and greeting, teachers, ushers, AV operators, breakout session coordinators and the corn roast. You all helped to make this event a complete success. It is so good to know that we are part of the family that works so well together.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Johnny Belden; Ms. Lucy Bond; Mrs. Kathy Bustos; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Rebecca Kelley; John Loftis; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; Mr. & Mrs. John Miller; Ms. Janie Murphy; Brett Norman; Miss Aliah Pendley; David Rebholz; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Kyle & Sheena Sink; Miss Geydi Vasquez; and Terry West.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Judy Chancey, Belle Glade, FL; Miss Bridget Cook, Tampa, FL; Wes Holland, CA; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Scott Kelley, West Broward, FL; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Dave Miller, Montgomery, AL; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gale Nelson, Miramar, FL; Nathan Ramer, Sebring; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sain, Pulaski, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Stearsman, Okeechobee, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. John Thomason, Cleveland, TN.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

<u>Sunday (Nov. 13th)</u> Lance & Brenda Collier (Ann.)	<u>Friday (Nov. 18th)</u> Silas & Sallie Moses (Ann.) Diane Leslie
<u>Monday (Nov. 14th)</u> Harrison Crotts	Natalie Reeves Norman Smedley
<u>Tuesday (Nov. 15th)</u> Lovella Rogers	<u>Saturday (Nov. 19th)</u> Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.) David Thorpe
<u>Thursday (Nov. 17th)</u> Esther Saintil Kelly Sproule	

## Those to Serve

*If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.*

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:45 a.m.***

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:45 p.m.***

### Sunday Morning, November 13

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
 Opening Prayer ..... Ken Tipton  
 Scripture Reading ..... Joe Maloney  
 Presiding at Table ..... Taylor Reeves  
 Serve at Table:  
     Henry Bass              Gary Jenkins  
     Doug Carrick          Jim Rogers  
     Marvin Dozier         Darin Summerlot  
     Errol Gower-Winter   Simon Tyson  
 Alternates:  
     Mike Erickson         Eugene Williams  
 Closing Prayer ..... Henry Williams

### Sunday Evening, November 13

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
 Opening Prayer ..... Harrison Carter  
 Scripture Reading ..... Rick Hall  
 Presiding at Table ..... Jeff Leslie  
     Kane Campbell  
     Harrison Crotts  
     Marty Williams  
 Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday  
**Wednesday Evening, November 16**  
 Lead Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
 Invitation ..... Mike Ellis  
 Family Prayer ..... Dan McLeod

## Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 6	Oct. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	358	244
Sun. A.M. Worship	403	348
Sun. P.M. Worship	184	170
Wed. Bible Study	180	182
Contribution	\$19,671	\$14,581
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +29,639		

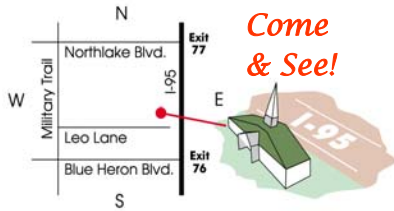
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silent where the Bible is silent.*



*Come  
& See!*

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### Service Schedule

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Bible classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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