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Mark 5:19, “*Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.*”

The only time it’s recorded that Jesus told someone to “go home” is in the above verse. It means much to us to go home whether it’s after a long hospital stay, a vacation or returning home from military service. It’s always such a nice feeling to return home. When we return home, there are always things that we like to do as soon as possible. It might be to look over mail, see how the area around our home has changed, etc. It’s always very enjoyable to be back and sleep in your own bed.

When Jesus told this man to go home to his friends, He told him to tell how great things the LORD had done for him, and had compassion on him. I think we often think of telling people about Jesus by leaving home. We might think of mission work or talking to people in town, etc.

I don’t think we often think about going home to tell people about

Jesus. Our families might already know about Jesus and are following the LORD. But we can “tell” people about Jesus and influence them everyday at home.

We tell others about Jesus when they see us living faithfully. They see us attending faithfully and reading the Bible daily and this tells others about Jesus. They see we are living for the LORD and are encouraged to be stronger themselves.

We often think about traveling to tell others about Jesus, but it’s done every time we are home and others see us serving the LORD. Our greatest “mission work” might be simply the lives we live at home and our influence on others.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Nehemiah 8:5, “*And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up.*”

When Ezra opened the book of the law of God in the sight of the people, they stood up. This was not a commandment of the law of Moses nor is it a commandment for us. When reading this verse, I can’t help but think what great respect and love for the word of God these people had.

They had recently returned from 70 years of captivity in Babylon. For many this might have been the first time they had heard the word of God being read. Many might not have heard it in some time.

In the next verse we are told they lifted up their hands, bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces toward the ground. In Nehemiah 8:9 we are told, “. . . *For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.*” I’m sure many heard words they

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Shirley Edwards** is now home and is doing quite well. **Jerry Edwards** is recovering from surgery to remove kidney stones. Two-month old

Caden Crabtree has been quite sick this past week with bronchitis and in the hospital a few days. He is now home and doing much better.

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had never heard before or had not heard for a long time. They knew these were the words of the LORD and they were moved to weeping. Their hearts were stirred at the word of God. Just in these few verses we see how the people reacted when they heard the word of God being read. They stood, lifted up hands, bowed and worshipped, and wept.

These people no doubt were moved so much because it had been so long since they heard the word of God. With our hearing it often, if we are not careful, we can become cold and unmoved by the wonderful words contained within the Bible.

Have the words of the Bible become so common place that we hardly think about what is being read? Do we hurt when we read about how Jesus was treated in the events surrounding the crucifixion? Does a sense of calm and peace come over us when we read about the glories of Heaven awaiting the saved? Do the promises of eternal life make us feel better when our bodies are hurting so much?

The LORD knows that with regular reading and hearing of His word, we won't be moved to such emotion as these people were, but we need to always keep our hearts soft and tender. We need to really think about the words of the Bible and let those precious words stir our hearts.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, January 21, 2018		
Classes	20	I Timothy 6:11-21
Preaching	23	III John 1-14
Contribution	\$917.06	
Evening	13	Micah 5:1-15
Wednesday, January 24, 2018		
Classes	16	Revelation 5:8-14

Bible Quiz

The Lamb was worthy to receive what?

Last Week's Answer— ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands (Revelation 5:11)

“And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.”

—Nehemiah 8:12

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)