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## Call Unto the Lord

A few years ago I watched a show about the Battle of the Bulge. This World War II battle took place in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium in December of 1944. The men thought all was fine. They were anticipating a quick end to the war. Germany amassed 250,000 men and “bulged” through the allied front, hence the name of the battle. Before the battle was finished, 10,000 allied troops had lost their lives.

One soldier, now an elderly man, commented that he could remember a comrade being injured to the point of death. As this young man was dying in a frozen foxhole thousands of miles from home, he called for his mother. Of course she was not there. No doubt she would have come if she could have, but the great separation between them kept her from even hearing his plea.

In Isaiah 59:2 we are told, “*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*” Many people will cry out to the Lord to save their souls as they are dying, but the Lord will not answer their pleas for mercy because they have let sins separate them and the Lord.

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The following story has been circulating for many years among church bulletins, but I think it aptly illustrates a point and bears repeating.

Several years ago a reader of the *British Weekly* wrote a letter to the editor as follows:

Dear Sir: I notice that ministers seem to set a great deal of importance on their sermons and spend a great deal of time in preparing them. I have been attending services quite regularly for the past 30 years and during that time, if I estimate correctly, I have listened to no less than 3,000 sermons. But, to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister’s time might be more profitably spent on something else? Sincerely. . .

The letter kicked up quite an editorial storm of angry responses for weeks. The pros and cons of sermons were tossed back and forth until one letter finally ended the debate. This letter said:

My Dear Sir: I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals— mostly my wife’s cooking. Suddenly I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every one of them. I have the distinct impression without them I would have starved to death long ago. Sincerely. . .

—via the Messenger  
Paul’s Valley, OK

Jeremiah 15:16, “*Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy*

# News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins** and **Jean Coffey. Sandy Duncan** continues to recover from knee-replacement surgery. **Shirley Parson** has been having much difficulty breathing.

—During Thanksgiving week our mid-week Bible study will be on Tuesday evening (6:00), instead of Wednesday evening.

—**Curtis McDaniel** was omitted from the November birthday list. His birthday is tomorrow, November 18.

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## It Only Takes a Minute To . . .

—stop and say a few words to the newcomer, who you have passed by, with a quick “hello.”

—draw a person, who is obviously feeling like an outsider, into a group discussion.

—make the introduction, that may not be necessary, but that will demonstrate friendliness.

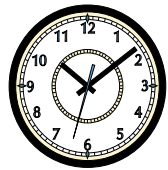
—write a note to a person who is ill, or who has lost a member of the family.

—really listen to what a child is earnestly telling you.

—take the trouble to pass along the good things that you know about others.

—build up a person who is feeling low, or seems to be worried or discouraged.

—pick up the phone and just let someone know you were thinking about them.



—Bulletin Digest  
via Mountain Ave. Church of Christ  
Tucson, AZ

Sunday, November 10, 2013		
Classes	20	Acts 14:14-23
Preaching	30	James 4:13-16
Contribution	\$474.00	
Evening	13	Job 16:1-22
Wednesday, November 13, 2013		
Classes	17	I Samuel 23:1-29

Visitors— Nov 10 (AM) Bobby & Peggy Bybee (Horse Cave, KY)

## Bible Quiz

Where did Job say he was going  
when a few years are come?

Last Week's Answer— Gad (I Samuel 22:5)

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How pitiful and heart wrenching to think of a young man calling out for his mother as he was dying and receiving no response from her. How much more sad it is though to think of one crying out to the Lord, and the Lord not hearing because of sin.

If we obey the Lord while there is time and opportunity, then we can truly say the words of Psalms 86:7, “*In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.*”

—Marty Edwards

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—Just a reminder that our YouTube broadcasts are now in high definition (720p). You can see them live during services and they are archived for later viewing.