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Jeremiah 12:5, *“If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?”*

The LORD was letting Jeremiah know that if he had trouble now with people as he taught the word of the LORD, how would he handle it when things became worse? He used two examples to illustrate this. If Jeremiah was wearied by footmen, how could he run with horses? If he was wearied when things were well, how would he do when the Jordan river overflowed and flooded?

We need to be prepared for when things are much worse spiritually or when we have much greater problems in life. There are times when things are good and then things become worse. It only takes a few minutes looking at the news and society in general to see how evil the world has become. This should come as no surprise. Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:13, *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”*

People will become worse and worse. With the instant

communication of today, sins and abominations and the knowledge of sinful activities doesn't take weeks or months to trickle down to everyone else. It happens instantly.

For a long time I feel we have been contending with the footman, but now the horses are running. How can we hope to keep up and contend with them? The only way is to be faithful ourselves no matter what, and be well armed with the gospel.

No matter what sins come our way and how overwhelming they may seem, we can be victorious with the word of God. It's the one weapon we have against sin. Ephesians 6:17 calls the word of God the sword of the spirit. In Hebrews 4:12 we are told, *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

Not one of us could wield a sword without proper training and practice. In the same way, if we expect to use the word of God against sin, we need to practice as much as we can. We do that by reading and studying the Bible. The more we read the more we learn, and we can use the Bible to combat any sin that comes our way.

The knowledge of the word of God gives us spiritual strength and confidence that we can confront and defeat sin. Peter wrote in I Peter 3:15, *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”*

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I John 5:4, *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Shirley Parson and Kinsley Duncan** have both been sick with a virus.

—Our yearly chili supper and evening worship will be at the home of **Mitch & Sandy Duncan** on Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. The following Sunday, November 5, our evening services will return to 4:00 p.m. for the duration of Standard Time.

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Let's be ready always to show people the hope we have, and hopefully we can bring them to the LORD and save them from destruction. Jude verses 22 and 23 tell us, "²²*And of some have compassion, making a difference: ²³And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire ; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*"

—Marty Edwards❖

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I Peter 5:7, "*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*"

We all have problems in life from time to time. Living in this sin-filled world causes problems. It's always good to have people we can turn to in order to help but, but for those in the LORD, the greatest help we have is the LORD.

Peter tells us in the above verse to cast our care upon Him. It's not just placing our cares upon the LORD, but casting them. It's as though we are tossing them away from us and He will carry them. We also don't want to miss that Peter says to cast "all" our cares upon Him.

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| Sunday, October 1, 2017 | | |
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| Classes | 13 | II Thessalonians 2:11-17 |
| Preaching | 20 | Jonah 1:1-2:10 |
| Contribution | \$748.00 | |
| Evening | 20 | Singing - Psalm 30 |
| Wednesday, October 4, 2017 | | |
| Classes | 21 | Amos 6:1-14 |

Visitors— Oct 1 (PM) Beulah Baker (Hammonsville, KY)
Oct 4 (Wed) Kaylee Shultz (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

Those Amos preached to laid upon beds of what?

Last Week's Answer— The Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:27)

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So often people wait until there is something major or serious before turning to the LORD. We need to realize there is no care too small or too large for the LORD. We have the LORD ready and available to receive our cares, but it's up to us to cast them all upon Him.

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—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)