

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
Belgium | Tom & Toni Anderson
1. There were three ladies at a Bible study led by Toni and one, (Ann) decided to accept Christ as her savior!
2. After quarantine started, we received word that Michael (the husband of Stephanie who is involved in our ministry) decided to accept Christ as his savior!
3. We run Bible Camps during the summer. Please pray that we are able to continue this ministry through COVID.

Busting The Stress Of Difficult Relationships

We do not know when David wrote this psalm. There seems, however, to be no period of his life in which he could have used this expression “My Cup runneth over” in reference purely to his temporal circumstances. In his youth he was a shepherd boy and kept his father’s flock, and in such an occupation there were many hardships and discomforts, in addition to which he appears to have been the object of the ill-will of his brothers. When he had come forth into public life, and lived in the courts of Saul, and even had become the king’s son-in-law, his position was far too perilous to afford him joy. The king hated him, and sought his life many times, and if it were not that he spoke of grace and not of outward circumstances, he could not then have said, “My cup runneth over.” During the period of his exile, his haunts were in the dens and caves of the mountains, and the lone places of the wilderness, to which he fled for his life like a hunted partridge. He had no rest for the sole of his foot; his thirst after the ordinances of God’s house was intense, and his companions were not such as to afford him solace: surely it could only have been in reference to spiritual things that he could then have said, “My cup runneth over.” When he came to be king over Israel, his circumstances, though far superior to any which he may have expected to reach, were very troublous ones for a long season. The house of Saul warred against him, and then the Philistines took up arms; he passed from war to war, and marched from conflict to conflict. A king’s position is in itself a thorny place, but this king had been a man of war from his youth up, so that, apart from the grace of God and the choice blessings of the covenant, he could not even on the throne have been able to say, “My cup runneth over.”

In his later days, after his great sin with Bathsheba, his troubles were incessant, and such as must have well nigh broken the old man’s heart. You remember the cry, “O Absalom, my son, my son! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!” That was the close of a long trial which had been preceded by many others, in which first one member of his family and then another departed from the paths of right; nor did it close the chapter of his adversities, for the troubles of his heart were enlarged even to the last, and the good old man had to say upon his deathbed that, though he rejoiced in the sure covenant of God, yet his house was not so with God as his heart could have desired. We cannot, therefore, take the text and say, “This is the exclamation of a man in easy circumstances, who was never tried.” Not so. David was a man of troubles; he bore the yoke in his youth, and was chastened in all his old age. Even in his most troublous times there were bright seasons of fellowship with the Lord, in which he joyfully said, “My cup runneth over.”

Source: “The Overflowing Cup” by Charles Haddon Spurgeon

KEY VERSE

Psalm 23:5 (NKJV)

*“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over”*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Psalm 23; Psalm 39:2-3; Colossians 3:13

What Not To Do With A Difficult Relationship

1. What is the problem with ignoring difficult relationships?
2. What is the problem with becoming resentful because of difficult relationships?

Tuesday: Psalm 23; Romans 12:17-21; Matthew 5:43-44

Let Jesus Settle The Score

3. Has there been a time in your life when you decided to take revenge? What happened?
4. How is it possible to love your enemies? What happens when you do?

Wednesday: Psalm 23; Psalm 147:3; Matthew 11:28-30

Let Jesus Sooth Your Wounds

5. How has Jesus soothed your wounds from difficult relationships?
6. How do you spend time with the Lord?

Thursday: Psalm 23; Psalm 107:8-9; Psalm 63:1-5

Let Jesus Satisfy Your Needs

7. How does Jesus satisfy your needs?

8. How content do you feel in Him?

9. In what ways has God been blessing you this year?

Friday: Psalm 23; Romans 15:13; I Thess. 3:12; John 16:24

Your Cup Will Run Over

10. How is your cup running over with hope? What are you hopeful for?

11. How is your cup running over with love? Who is someone in your life that you need to love better?

12. How is your cup running over with joy? How can you find joy despite your circumstances?