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AM - BEN WRIGHT - THE COURAGE TO LEARN

PM - JORDAN GRAY

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE BROWN FAMILY DUE TO THE DEATH OF JIMMIE NELL BROWN. SERVICES WERE SATURDAY****BIBLE BOWL TODAY AT 2 PM AT SIXTH AVENUE****REMEMBER OUR SINGING SCHOOL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 21 WITH ROB GURGANUS****BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 24: Linda Davidson

28: Braden Wright

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Aug 27: Jack and Barbara Wright

# THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES** **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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**THE COURAGE TO LEARN**  
**(Acts 8:26-39)**

**I. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ to learn.**

- A. Can you imagine sitting in a chariot on the side of the road reading from a \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Not only that, this man had just left \_\_\_\_\_ where he had gone to worship God.
- C. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ the desire to read and study God's word.
- D. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ your desire to learn?
  - 1. Notice what Peter wrote to a group of \_\_\_\_\_...(1 Peter 2:2).
  - 2. You and I, once we have obeyed the gospel, can't \_\_\_\_\_ learning.
- E. It takes courage to continue to learn because growth isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. He sought \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. When Philip, having been directed by the Holy Spirit to go to the eunuch, got to him he asked if he \_\_\_\_\_ what he was reading.
- B. This eunuch is not the only person in the history of the world that wanted to know what scripture \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Notice what \_\_\_\_\_ told Timothy (2 Timothy 2:2).
  - 1. We are to teach others so that they can \_\_\_\_\_ others.
  - 2. Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_ religion.

**III. He found \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Philip then began to \_\_\_\_\_ to him about Jesus.
- B. This was distinctly different from what he had been \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.
- C. When we direct people to the Bible, they are able to tell a distinct \_\_\_\_\_ between what they have been taught and what the Bible says.

**IV. He showed \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. When taught this distinct doctrine, the eunuch determined to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- B. We \_\_\_\_\_ to meet people like this don't we?
- C. As Christians, we need to make the determination that we are going to \_\_\_\_\_ right and find others who want to obey the gospel as well.

**V. He gained \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Upon his being baptized, notice his reaction: he went on his way \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. There are people all around \_\_\_\_\_ in sin just as this eunuch had been.
  - 1. Those of us who are Christians were once \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
  - 2. We, like the eunuch, \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance from sin.
- C. Our Lord is still in the \_\_\_\_\_ business (Galatians 1:3-4).
- D. That deliverance obtained by the eunuch is still obtainable \_\_\_\_\_.

## **THE HOOKS ARE HIDDEN**

**Neal Pollard**

Growing up in coastal Georgia afforded me many opportunities to fish in the fresh waters directly and indirectly fed by the Ochopee, Altamaha, and Canooche Rivers, proud rivers known especially for their large mouth bass. Add to the fishing expeditions to local lakes and ponds, and you had the recipe for juvenile bliss.

My buddy David used nice, expensive lures and Little Stinker spray if fishing for mud or channel cats. On a much more limited budget, I bought a dollar's worth of Crappie Jigs (that was usually four or five, figuring in taxes). Many days a cup of gizzards for thirty cents would provide fish food enough for half a day. If they were biting, the fish ate my fast food as often as Dave's five star cuisine.

One of the keys to successful fishing, whether using lures, chicken parts, or live bait, is sufficiently burying the hook from sight. Those cheap jigs worked well with the first few casts, but soon the feathery thread tail bushing out of the painted wood body would mat down and the silver hook would shine brightly underwater. At that point, the jig lost its splendor. An exposed hook is the death of good fishing.

The hungriest, savviest angler of all is Satan. He is a master at burying the hooks. Gambling looks like a quick, easy way to financial freedom and enormous wealth. Pornography appears to be a private, harmless distraction from reality, an excursion into one's most exciting fantasies. Smoking seems like a calm, pleasurable enjoyment, a way to unwind, or a satisfying diversion. Sex outside of marriage looks like an exciting, passionate, even thrilling way to spice up one's life, live on the edge, and appeal to one's unbridled lust. There they dangle. No consequences. "Just swallow me," they say. "You'll love it!" they say. These and other sins shine like tinsel and are so enticing. Why not? Just one nibble. Eat and run. No harm. No shame.

Then the barb sticks. Financial ruin and dark addiction. A warped and twisted mind, where nothing seems pure anymore. A man in his forties with an oxygen tank, needing five minutes to wheeze and gasp for air just to go from his car to the post office! In his pockets is a pack of cigarettes. Unwed pregnancies, shattered marriages, and untold embarrassment and shame. The perpetrators of sin are now victims of their own folly. They flounder in bad habits and draining depravity. They have been reeled in by Satan's devices (cf. 2 Cor. 2:11).

By the time the lure is old and worn out - and the hook is in plain view - it may be too late. The hunter may have already captured his prey (cf. 2 Tim. 2:26). Yet, while willful and habitual sin may seem like a hopeless trip the other end of which is Satan's table, there is a way to "get off the hook." It takes a mighty struggle. You will have to fight for your life (cf. 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7). You will have to become sober and alert (1 Pet. 5:8). You will have to be cagey enough to see past the bait and, by faith, see the barbed, painful hook underneath the temptation. Is a moment of pleasure worth the ride on which you will go that leads to where you do not wish to be? God wants to provide all we need, but His way leads to safety and life. Let's remember that with Satan, the hooks are hidden!