

Scripture Reading

- Matthew 7:24-27- *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts -on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. **Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them,** will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall".*

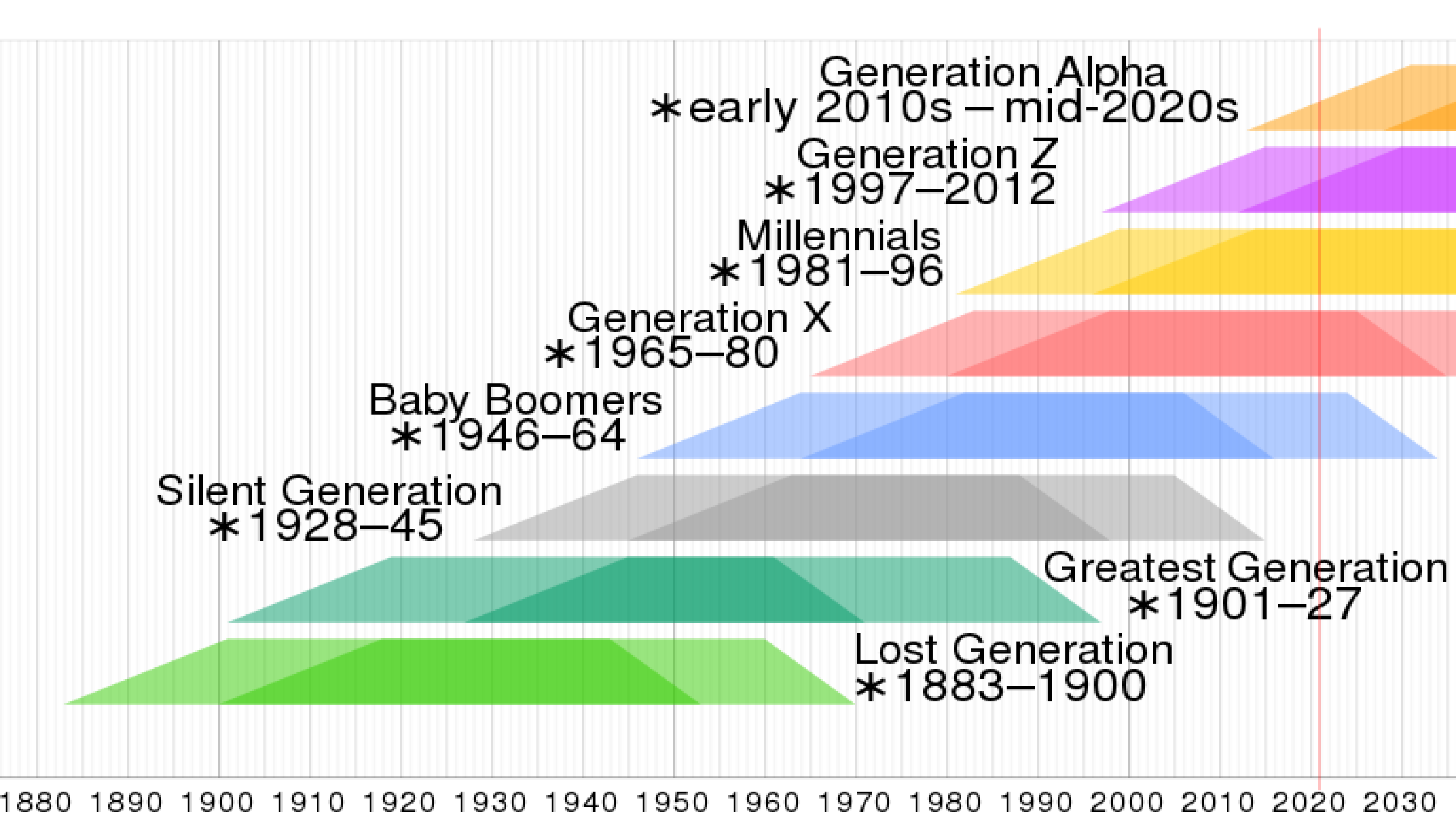


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- **Participation Trophy**- A participation trophy is a [trophy](#) given to children who participate in a sporting event but do not finish in first, second or third place, and so would not normally be eligible for a trophy. It is frequently associated with [millennials](#).^[1] Critics note that some children also do not value them as much as they do normal trophies that are given to winners.^[3] Defenders of participation trophies argue that they teach children that trying their best is good enough, even if they do not win.





Generation Alpha
* early 2010s – mid-2020s

Generation Z
* 1997–2012

Millennials
* 1981–96

Generation X
* 1965–80

Baby Boomers
* 1946–64

Silent Generation
* 1928–45

Greatest Generation
* 1901–27

Lost Generation
* 1883–1900

1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 2030

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- You ever ask yourself ... “AM I JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS?”
- Am I expecting to make it to heaven because I’m baptized.
- I never contribute, volunteer, assist with the Lord’s work.
- Feel like I’m just getting by...
- What would inspire you to take the lead, participate in the work or basically motivate you to be a better worker for the Lord.
- Let’s look at:



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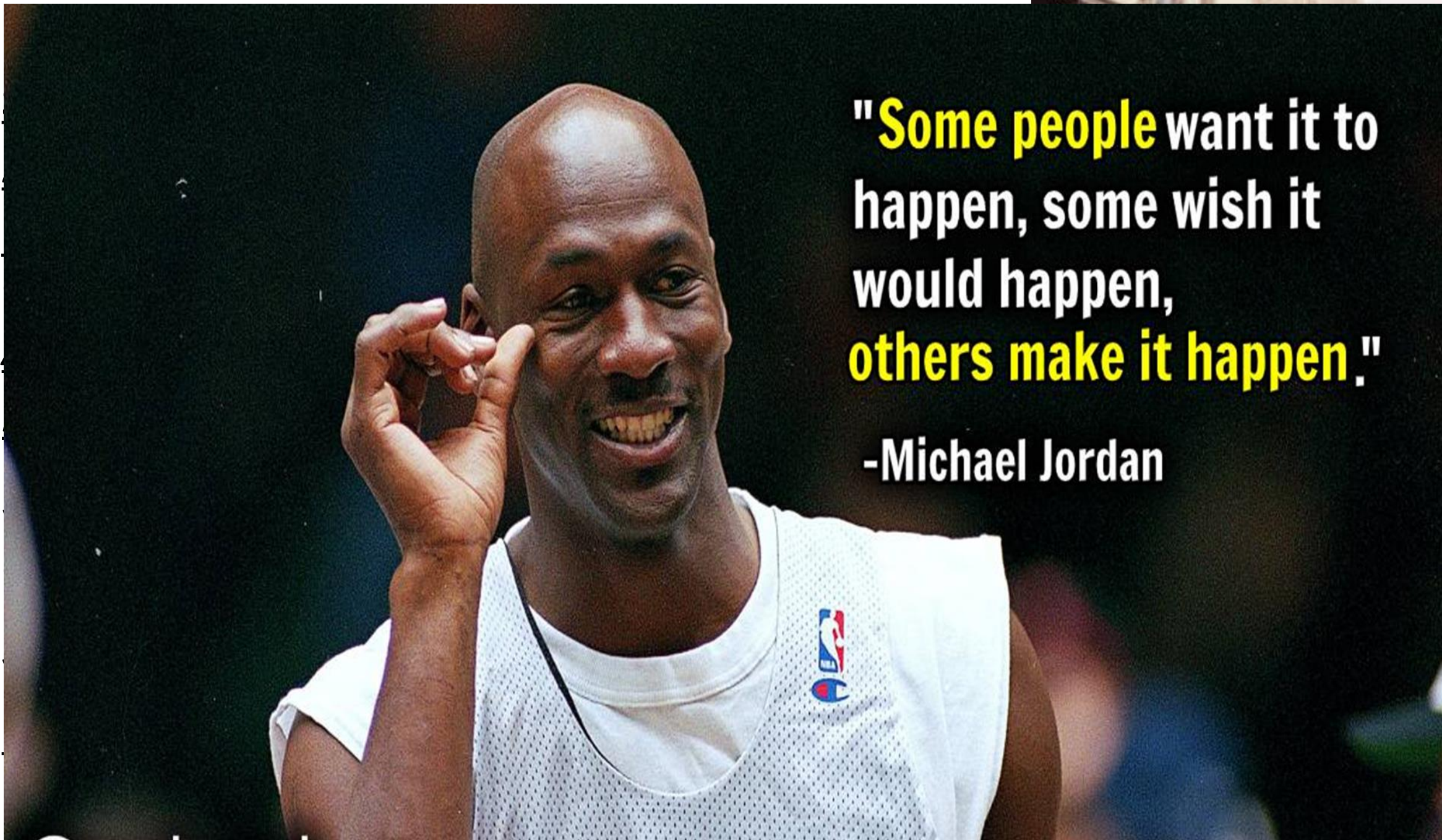
- Myself-
- Realization that “I” need to improve.
- 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward ^[a]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- Slacker definition- **“Moving slowly; sluggish; lacking in activity; not busy.”**
- Have you grown any in the past year?
- 1 Peter 2:2- ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow ^[a]thereby,
- 1 Corinthians 3:2- ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able.
- Why don't you want to grow? What's keeping you from teaching? Why am I not participating in services?

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- **The Congregation-**
- Some possible reasons why the church doesn't grow.
- Conflict, We hang onto the past accomplishments, Christians are focused only on themselves, we blame culture, All talk and no action, OK with current membership levels..
- How we can grow-
- **1-Teach our children- Joel 1:3-** Tell your children about it, *Let your children tell* their children, And their children another generation.
- **2-Strengthen Each Other- Revelation 3:2-** Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.
- **3- Always look for open doors- 1 Cor. 16:8-⁸** But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. ⁹ For a great and effective door has opened to me, and *there are* many adversaries,
- **2 Cor. 2:12-¹²** Furthermore, when I came to Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord.

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- **Jesus**
- Our ultimate example on how to lead and be your best **by**:
- **Speaking the Truth- Matthew 12:34-** Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- **Asking more from us- Matthew 16:24-²⁴** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- **Being All in- committed John 3:16-¹⁶** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- **Showing He Truly cares for us- 1 Peter 5:7-⁷** casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
- **Never giving up- Matthew 19:26-** But Jesus looked at *them* and said to *them*, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.



"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, **others make it happen."**

-Michael Jordan

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Conclusion

- Am I looking for a participation trophy from God?
- Can I make a difference in someone's life this year?
- How am I helping the congregation that I attend?
- Am I being the ultimate example for my family,
- other Christians, co-workers and especially God?
- What am I going to do today, tomorrow and
- next week for my Lord?
- Make something happen..

WHEN YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Tony and Alana adoption hearing, Gary Lucas, Emma Helmick, Duane Hudson, Rebecca Head, Bonnie Lewis, Dee Dee, Jeff Mayhugh, Allen Withrow, Barbara Gallagher, Sharon Hendershot's daughter Kristy Nicholas, Jenny's Aunt Patty Murphy, Kim's Mom Ida, Jenny's Sister Becky, Scott Huntsman, Denise Jurkovich & Kayla Eagon – to remain cancer free.

Congratulations and let us welcome Kyle Keiser who was baptized Tuesday May 11th.



May Birthdays:

May Birthdays: 3rd Melinda Anderson, 15th Margaret Hatcher and Jake Leach, 23rd Michelle Wells, 24th Joan Hamilton, 25th Hannah Leach

Duty Roster	Sunday AM	Wed PM (05/19)
Announcements	Jeff Lewis	Matt Palmer
Opening Prayer	Gary Lucas	Zach Leach
Song Leader	Ty Leach	Ethan Leach
Preside Table	Gary Lucas Jr	
Bread	Tony Wells	
Fruit of vine	Dale Leach	
Offering	Jim Thornburg	
Bulletins	Jeremy Hall	
Scripture Reading	Nathan Anderson	
Lesson / Inv.	Mike Anderson	Darren Leach
Closing Prayer	Matt Palmer	Jake Leach

Meeting Times

Sunday: Bible Study – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible Study & Worship – 7:00 pm

Anyone wishing to be baptized please contact one of the elders or deacons .

West Main Anchor

Hebrews 6:19a Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil



Deut. 32:10-11

- 10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.
11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,



Remember in our prayers
Mariah Leach & Cody Rouse and
Cassie Lucas & Brian Cravens
getting married soon.

Study the Bible

Would you like to be more familiar with the scriptures?
Ask us about our Bible correspondence program.

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