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Romans 10:15

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The How, When, What, and Why's to Not Walk and Talk with Snakes

How did it happen that all this bog you down, depressive, tumultuous indignant behavior, enter the world? Well, a lady walking in a garden stopped to talk with a snake; you just can't trust a snake!

The smooth-talking fellow conned her into doing what she really knew better than to do. Sneaky!!! Embarrassed, trying to save face, she made an accomplice of her husband, and it all went downhill from there.

When? Well, really way back to the exact beginning of non-GMO, clean, green eating. All was new and wonderful!

You'd have thought she could have left just one thing untouched, especially after being instructed by God; but no, she had to experience it all.

Where did she get such ideas? The devil himself, transformed his likeness into an intriguing, smooth talking creature (previously referred to "snake" in the grass) who thought he had the control he wanted in the garden.

What happened? The creator of everything good and perfect, had a prepared plan should this deceptive, transforming being should ever ensnare his most favored creations.



He punished his children for the wickedness they had done, cursed the snake, and put the devil in his place for his evil attempts.

He cast his children from the beautiful garden, put them to work, gave them commands and went to carrying out a redemption plan for the ages.

Why? Because God, so loved man, that he wanted us to have a way to get back into a loving, lasting relationship with him and be saved from the likes of talking snakes.

Another How? (Mark 16:15-16) Go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, he that believes not shall be condemned.

-Vicki Prater

God Looking Down on Our Antics.

This morning being entertained by a mockingbird rolling a grape tomato along the sidewalk, my thoughts were carried to - God looking down on our antics.

While I found the curious mockingbird humorous as he rolled, pecked, tossed, and even flew a bit with his acquired treasure, I query whether anything we do anymore gives our Father, moments of amusing chuckle/pleasure. Sure, there are new batches of humanity born every minute who have to



learn everything we know, plus. Watching the learning process can be endearing, however, for a breath, I thought; is He even concerned with our mundane minutiae? Are the examples we provide to our youth only producing more of the subpar creatures as ourselves, ever learning, never knowing, or coming to knowledge of the truth? (2 Tim. 3:1-7) Then I remember, yes, He cares, (2 Peter 3:9) not willing that any should perish.



Thusly I will count on his long suffering and try to improve myself for others and especially for the One who gives us lessons in such a manner, bringing forth thoughts via a beautiful mockingbird - dealing with life from a bird's eye view.

-Vicki Prater

***Business: The work your mind is set about
(dictionary of VLP)***

Whatever it is we go about tending to; everyone has their own track. That being said, we want to be the best we can be regarding our business.

Once, a young man was reprimanded for practicing his profession, as he was considered to be impeding others on their journey. When questioned, he answered in a most logical and profound manner: "don't you know, I must be about my Father's business?"

Which brings us to this, our family business. We are all in the same family, the brotherhood of mankind. Should we not honor our Father and founder by being about His business? Assuming you are onboard, just take out your policy and procedures manual to refresh yourself about the goal, cost, how to deal with losses, how to pick yourself up - and - "WOAH", don't forget the bonus and the huge retirement package!

The family business, not so bad at all. A huge group of brothers and sisters wishing you well, willing to aid and help you be the best you can be. It is all right there in the manual.

Our brother took care of all the heavy details, at great self sacrifice; making us an assured adoption, securing us a place, IF: we take it upon ourselves to work and be obedient to his calling.

Are you with me - ready for business?

Find these passages in the manual: John 9:4; John 14; 2 Timothy 4:1-8

-Vicki Prater

Editors note: I especially want to thank sister Prater for permission to use these fine articles. A blessing SDF



Sermon Notes

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Theme: _____ Speaker: _____

Order of Worship July 18, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Derek Steen
Song Leader—PM	Matthew Frazier
Lord's Table	Steve Frazier
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Continue prayers for those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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