



EASTSIDE
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9:15 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 A.M.

WORSHIP

6:30 P.M.

EVENING SERVICE**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**1:30 P.M. - PRAYER IN
REQUA HOME**WEDNESDAYS**6:30 P.M.
PRAYER / BIBLE STUDY**1ST SATURDAY**9:00 A.M.
SONNY BUNCH
PERKINS RESTAURANT**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK****A Lesson from the 'Army Worm'**

It should not surprise anyone to find a biblical principle while examining nature, so long as we don't get lost in the examination and fall prey to the worship of nature. We should expect to find God's fingerprints in all of his creation.

While recently reading a collection of sermons by A.W. Tozer again I was introduced to the scientist, [Jean-Henri Fabre](#) (1853-1915). In his sermon entitled "A Model Church" Tozer mentioned that he had heard about Fabre and his research on one of the species of caterpillars commonly known as 'arm worms'. I've spent a few days reading about Fabre and his research on insects. I have found his conclusions of great interest and appreciate Tozer's comparisons to be as relevant today as in his day.

In this collection of sermons by Tozer entitled "Rut, Rot, or Revival", he has been speaking about an ongoing problem he has seen in the church of his day. Mostly that man has a tendency to follow. He even argues that in our created condition to be creative, leaders, and teachers, we must not forget that we have a DNA to follow. Where many in the church would argue that we follow Jesus (because that would be the right Sunday School answer), reality would really show that we are more following others, trends, and inadequate models.

"Jesus ought to be the model for the churches, but Jesus Christ has about as much authority in the average [evangelical] church as I have in the average Catholic church." Tozer

This could be a potential problem. This is where Fabre's research and Tozer's comparison of the army worm proved interesting. Read Tozer's explanation of Fabre's research...

"He got a huge round vessel [a flower pot] and put a lot of caterpillars called army worms around the outside bumper-to-bumper. Then he started them moving. Actually he didn't have to start them - they are called army worms because they are always marching. As far as Fabre could tell, no caterpillar knew where it was going: It was following the tail of the one ahead of it, and the one that was after it followed its tail. Each followed the one ahead until they got clear around to the original one that was following the tail of the one ahead of it. Around and around [the pot] they went. In nature, army worms march across and through the woods and forest and bushes in a straight line. But because they had been tricked and put on a circular path, they went around and around until one after another they fell off."

"If people will follow other people, then they ought to follow the right kind of people in the right direction. If religious people will parade, then we ought to get them parading in the right way. To a large extent evangelicals have been given wrong models. While we talk about the Lord Jesus and fight for the creeds that say He is the Lord of Glory, He has very little to say among us. Who even pretends to obey the Sermon on the Mount? Who even pretends to obey the First Corinthians epistle dealing with marriage, litigation and the Lord's Supper?"

Fabre's research and Tozer's comparison leaves a stunning visual to what Matthew chapter 23 is all about. Especially when I consider the charge of Matthew 23:15 **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as fit for hell as you are!" (HCSB)**

The church has followed after a lot of people, models, methods, philosophies, etc. What we need to be asking ourselves today is who or what are we following today. Are we defending our actions with what sounds like 'right' language so we can keep on doing what we do? Are we following Jesus in a God-ward direction or are we following the person in front of us only to find out that he's following someone who is following us? Only to begin falling off into the grave?

God forbid that we have made fun a symbol of our religion. May we grieve and sob before God. May he turn our tears into joy.

"Modern churches have made fun a symbol of their religion... they have been betrayed... it is the cross that is the symbol of the Christian life." A.W. Tozer

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About the Fear of God

“The fear of God” is an interesting issue. Try to describe it and we stumble all over the words we try to use to do so. As close as I can get to it is “extreme reverence and respect for God’s absolute holiness, righteousness and purity”. His absolute moral integrity cannot tolerate sinful man’s casual and hypocritical indifference in His presence.

When God told Moses to keep the children of Israel back away from the mountain (where He was to meet with Moses), “lest they perish” ([Exodus 19:21](#)), and when Uzza reached over to steady the Ark of the Covenant as it rode in the cart and he immediately dropped dead ([I Chronicles 13:9-10](#)), we see something of the nature of God’s holiness that demands our highest respect. How does this play out in our lives?

The vivid contrast of God’s character with that of mankind magnifies the grace of God that brought salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. This God has consented to dwell in our own bodies, joining His Spirit with ours ([I Corinthians 6:17](#)), and making our bodies now His temple of permanent abode. Where we go, He goes. Awesome, yet sobering when we think on it—which we must do. We cannot escape it.

Solomon writes much about the fear of the Lord. Foundational are these:

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil” ([Proverbs 8:13](#)).

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” ([Proverbs 9:10](#)).

“By humility *and* the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life” ([Proverbs 22:4](#)).

Gene Lawley – Bible Class Leader



Happy Birthday

6 Brad Kinch

15 Julia Martinez

17 Ruth Kozielski

21 Renee Thompson

30 Silas Thompson



Happy Anniversary

November 20th
**Wendell & Audrey
Kinch**

November 24th
**Bob & Gen
Ennis**



**Our Missionaries In The Ukraine
Maks, LaNell, Ana & Sasha Nelkin**

Christmas In The Ukraine

Dear church family this year we have adopted the Nelkin family and a Ukraine family that lives next door to them that they have been ministering to. **Please select an item from the bulletin board in the lobby.** All items need to be turned in to the church office by **December 1st.**

Here is a list of suggested items.

Maks: Jerky (no MSG has an allergy)
DVD— Oh Brother Where Art Thou

LaNell: Chicken or Beef Bouillon (no MSG Maks has an allergy) Popcorn (not microwave) Bagels, Fruity Pebbles, Little hand lotions, DVD— Ann of Green Gables, Emergen-C, Queen Size Sheets

Small Cookie Sheet— 18" x 8" (ovens are small in Ukraine), Chocolate Chips.

Ana: P.J.'S with feet size 9 youth, Peanut Butter (Skippy natural, creamy), Twinkies, DVD Movies— Ramona and Beezus, Princess Diaries 2, Cheaper by the Dozen, Barbie furniture (can be used), American Girl Doll Clothes-(can be used or other brand that will fit American Girl.)

Sasha: DVD Movies— Alvin and the Chipmunks 1, A Bee Movie, Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs, Cars 2, Books with Dinosaurs, trucks/building trucks, or just fun stories, Music or Books on CD, Trident gum.

Family: Money to contribute to a CD player— because of the voltage, we have to purchase one here. Unfortunately they are quite expensive.

Ukraine Family That Lives Next Door

We do not have a lot of information as yet on the family.

They are a family of seven parents and 5 children. Maks and LaNell said they would appreciate anything we can send.

Parents

1. Olya— girl 12 years old
2. Another girl 7 years old
3. Nikita- boy 6 years old (likes cars)
4. Sophia— 3 years old (likes Barbie's)
5. Another boy 2 years old

Note from Maks and LaNell: Dear Eastside Family, Thank you for supporting and encouraging us. It is such a blessing to know we have family back home.

Mind's Attention ~ Heart's Affection

"John 15's Vine-Dresser Insights" -Part 1 of 4

What is the life of the believer really supposed to look like? Well, we do know that John 15 gives us a clear view of what ought *not* to be there through some simple "Vine-Dresser Insights".

It will be our intent over the next four articles to look a look at four *insights to fruitfulness* in John 15. We will take a look at them and see perhaps if they may possibly have benefit to **Believers at Eastside Baptist Church, in Twin Falls, Idaho in 2011.**

You may ask: what is a vine dresser? The King James refers to this as the vineyard 'husbandman'; in reality He is the one with the knife- The **Vine-Dresser, Pruner, Excavator, Shaper** and **Molder** of our lives. This is the person with the right to cut-off what is not productive (dead wood on the vine) and to groom and cultivate (prune) the part of the vine that is showing productivity, (fruitfulness). This person, according to Jesus in the Gospel of John is the Heavenly Father. Jesus calls Himself the *Vine*, us the branches and calls His Father as the *Husbandman*; some other versions use the word *gardener*, *vinedresser* or even *farmer*.

Vine Dresser Insight #1 : "Fruitfulness Demands Pruning". "He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes." John15:2

Listen and recognize the distinct difference: **Bear No Fruit – Get Cut-Off. Bear Fruit – Get Pruned.** It is quite likely you will see the knife. The Father brings the knife to all branches. Pruning has the same effect as what we call in the Army a **"Combat-Multiplier"**- this is a factor that dramatically increases the combat effectiveness of a Soldier or unit. Pruning in this case, causes you to bring the desired results – Fruit! The key here is that God the Father is the one who knows how *and* what to prune. You and I are not the keepers of the knife. We are branches in the vine who will endure pruning in order to bring about God's desired results- Fruit.

In this first article I believe it is of some benefit to look at the tools God *may* choose to prune our lives of the things that will bring 'fruit-less-ness' and 'fruit-full-ness' and ultimately bring Him honor.

The following short-list is only an *example* and not intended to be comprehensive or even conclusive in any of our individual lives. However, it may represent, in a general way, some of things God *may* choose to use to get our attention and keep our focus on Him. The fact is that these are really just opportunities that should not go wasted which God gives for you and me to re-adjust our center of attention: **Marriage and Relationship struggles, personal or family tragedy, devastating illness, extreme financial woes, etc.**

Listen, and be honest; Some of the things on the *pruning list* in our lives *may* look like, and once again certainly not limited to the following: **Self-Righteousness, pride, self-centeredness, angry-outbursts, sexual sins, lack of prayer, substance and alcohol abuse, lack of reading His Word, hatred for other believers, unresolved conflict with a brother, etc.**

The question you might be asking in fear is- does pruning hurt? The simple answer is yes. Hebrews 12:11 reminds us that, **"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."**

Take a 1-minute test: (okay, maybe 2 to 3 minutes) Ask yourself if there are any items that God is pruning or needs to prune in your life, then ask yourself if God has been trying to get your attention with other issues or events in your life. Go ahead, do it right now. I will too.

Okay, what did He reveal to you? Let me remind you '...a harvest of righteousness and peace...' await '... those who have been trained by it.' Don't lose heart, it is well worth the momentary light affliction.

-Pastor John Martinez

(Next Month: The Garden Must Be Disease Free to Be Fruitful- Is there un-confessed sin in your life?)

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Nursery schedule

November 6th

9:15 am Shari Helman
10:30 am Nancy Brackett

November 13th

9:15 am Shari Martinez
10:30 am Tony/Dayle Everts

November 20th

9:15 am Amy Franklin
10:30 am Helen Requa

November 27th

9:15 am Silas Thompson
10:30 am Bianca Thompson

BLOG

Our pastors blog sites are at.

www.esbctwinfalls.com

Then click on their name and you will be directed to their

“Blogger” Site

This is a great way to get to know your Pastors on a more intimate level. Read their thoughts, see their stories, post your own responses, and ask them questions.

BENEVOLENCE PANTRY

November

*Our Pantry is almost empty
We need to restock the
benevolence pantry
Please bring*

Canned Meats, Soups

Vegetables, Fruit, Cereal

**Please remember to check the
expiration date**

*Thank you for helping
DAWN*

Eastside Baptist Church

seeking to glorify God



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:30 PM Prayer/Bible Study	3	4	5 ** 9am Sonny Bunch Perkins Restaurant Daylight Saving Ends
6 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:30pm Evening Service	7	8	9 6:30 PM Prayer/Bible Study	10	11 * S.W.E.E.T. Weekend Meridian, ID	12 * S.W.E.E.T. Weekend Meridian, ID
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Scripture Verse

²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25 (NASB)

** November 5th
9:00 A.M.
Sonny Bunch Perkins Restaurant

Daylight Saving Time Ends Set your clocks back

* November 13th
5:30 P.M.
Deacons Mtg.

* November 11th & 12th
S.W.E.E.T. Weekend
Meridian, Idaho

* November 20th
5:00 P.M. Church Council Mtg.
5:30 P.M. Ministry/Business Mtg.



“The Link Calendar of Events”