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Thinking of Quitting?

By Bill Hall

I was listening to Josh Groban's song, Don't Give Up and came across this article by Bill Hall, a preacher in Canada. There are a couple of lines in Groban's song that are very uplifting, to wit (I hope you know the tune; it'll help bring out the force of the lyrics):

Everybody wants to be
understood;

Well I can hear you.

Everybody wants to be loved;

Don't give up

Because you are loved.

Enjoy the article. Oh, and I love this oft-displayed picture of the frog who refuses to go quietly.

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No doubt, someone will read this article who is discouraged, weary of struggling, disappointed in his brethren, facing severe obstacles in his service to the Lord, and is in danger of quitting. But I would make this appeal: "Before you quit, look anew at the incen-

tives the Lord holds before you; look again at heaven.

Heaven means victory—victory in the strife with Satan and his allies. The battle is sometimes hard; the foe is formidable. Our own strength seems so small. We become discour-

aged. But lift our eyes! On our side is the Lord, the One who has already won the battle (Genesis 3:15). With His aid we can be victorious. We can be "more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Heaven means beauty—unsurpassed beauty—a street of gold, walls of jasper, a foundation of precious stones, gates of pearl, a crystal clear river flowing from the throne of God.

Heaven means home—Happiness is not found in our material surroundings, but in being with those we love. We experience homesickness, but our homesickness



is not for a house or anything material, but for wife and children, for loved ones. Similarly, we speak of the beauty of heaven, and truly its beauty enhances our anticipation, but surely the greatest joy will be found in being with our Lord, the One “whom having not seen [we] love, “ and with our God, with the Spirit, with the angels, and with the re-deemed of all ages. This will be our eternal homecoming.

Heaven means happiness—There will be nothing there to mar our happiness. There will be no more tears, no more sickness, no more heartache, no more death, “nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

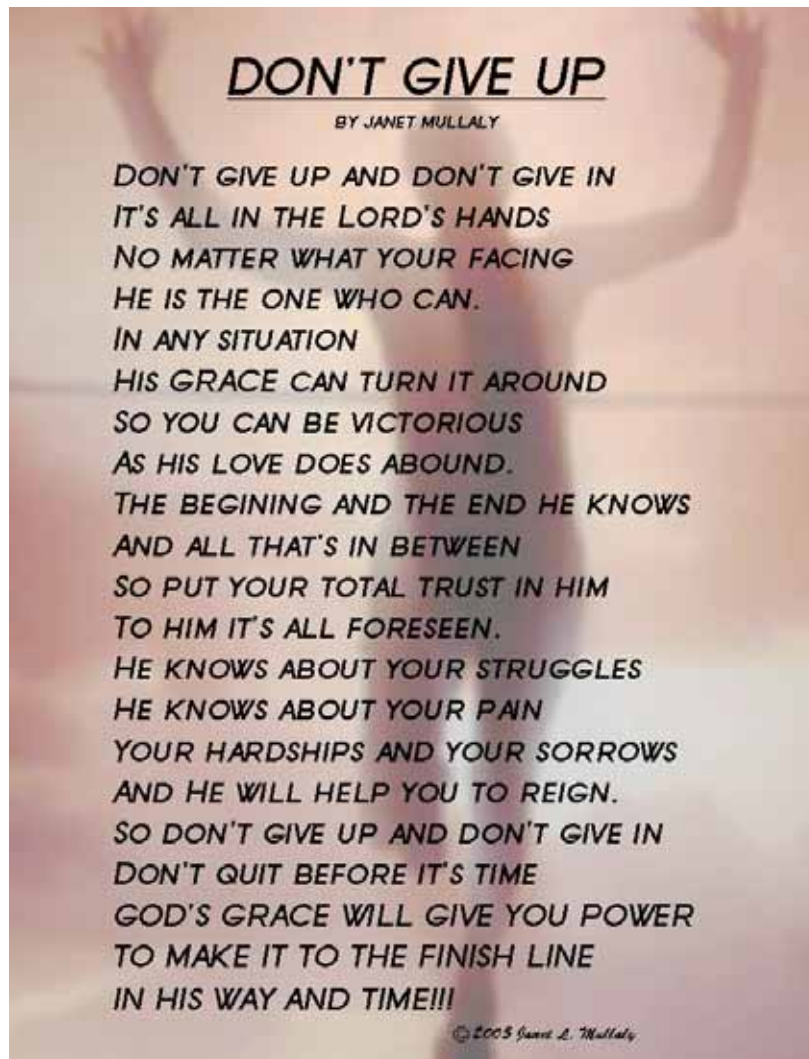
Heaven means holiness—Never again will we hear the name of our Lord taken in vain. There will be no more adultery, filth, guilt, murder, crime. Truth will abound. There will be no more lying, deceit, flattery, hypocrisy. Women will no longer have to fear those who would abuse and desecrate them. Love will be pure and unfeigned. The Lord assures us, “But there shall by no means enter it any-

thing that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life” (Revelation 21:27)

Heaven means eternity—This blessed state shall never end. “When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun” (Joseph Scriven).

You can quit if you so choose, for God will not force anyone to serve Him. But, remember, the day you quit is the day you forfeit all hope of eternal happiness and choose in its place eternal damnation. And eternity is a long time.

Via, Charlottesville Beacon



Agenda

The Lord's Day, July 6, 2008

9:30 AM: Worship: Singing, Lord's Supper, Preaching

● Preaching: David Posey, The Story

5:00 PM: Lord's Supper, Preaching.

Classes @ 5:30 PM

Auditorium, Christ's Last Week

• Teacher: Grant Mulligan (Ron Byrd, assisting)

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

7:30 PM, Classes

Auditorium, Christ's Last Week

• Teacher: Grant Mulligan (Ron Byrd, assisting)

Notes

Most sermons are available in MP3 format on our website (www.folsomchurch.com) or on CD (see a deacon).

Our classes this quarter

We're doing something a little differently this quarter. Every summer, for the children's classes, we go "off cur-

riculum" in order to provide some teaching on subjects that are not specifically covered in our curriculum.

This quarter, for example, we are teaching evidences (aka, "apologetics") in all of our classes of younger students: first grade to fifth grade. Even in our younger classes, we'll be emphasizing the work of God in creation.

We also have special classes for grades 6-8 and 9-12. We are splitting the boys and girls from those classes, and further splitting the Junior High girls and High School girls. The girls will be taught a special course of study appropriate for them and the boys will be in a class on Leadership.

The boys' class is not a typical training, but a study of what it means to be a leader, not only in the church but in the home and community as well. We are in desperate need of leaders in the world and the church and this class is designed to help these young men their role as leaders.

Because of space limitations, there is only one adult class this quarter and it will be held in the auditorium. The class should be a profitable one as it will discuss the most important few days in the history of world: the last week of Christ's life on earth. Grant Mulligan, a very competent teacher, will be facilitating that class.

As always, we hope and pray that the quarter of classes will build us in the most holy faith (Jude 20) and that each of us will do our part to increase our faith through the study and application of God's word.

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Sunday Evening: 5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM
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