



Weekly Booster

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Don't Forget to Wish For the Best

The Story

Chapter 13

Over a recent Thanksgiving holiday, I did my version of Black Friday shopping. I slept in, had breakfast, took a shower, and then met up with my wife and son who had left the house before 6:30 a.m. I was rested, fresh, and full of energy. After facing the frantic shoppers all morning, they . . . well, they didn't look so good.

At one point of the mall madness, I was leaving Sears and saw it. Right there in front of me. A Sears *Wish Book*. I hadn't seen one in years, and it brought back some memories.

The first Sears *Wish Book* was printed in 1933. (I don't remember that. I looked it up.) Over time it has diminished in size and was even discontinued at one point. It was revived in 2007, but the one I saw was nothing in size compared to the books I remember from my youth. Children today don't really need one. They have the Internet and their high-tech toys to cruise the information highway to identify their holiday "wants." But "back in the day" the Sears *Wish Book* helped us answer the seasonal question: "If you could have anything for Christmas, what would you ask for?"

Every year my brother and I would look through the catalogue and either dog-ear a page or circle our choices in pen. We didn't want Santa to miss our requests.

You may not need the Sears *Wish Book* today, but you have some wishes too, don't you? Next Christmas how would you answer the question, "If you could have one thing in the world, what would it be?"

Solomon had to answer that one. He asked for wisdom. And God gave it to him. But by the end of his life he had accumulated more and more: more gold, more horses, more wives. He had it all and wanted more. In the midst of all these gifts he lost sight of the Giver. He turned away from God and lost it all.

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**The Church Office will be closed next week,
May 2nd – May 6th.**

Reminders

May 1st

Sisters in Faith Women's Spring Tea
2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

CAT Surveys Due

May 4th

Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

May 5th

T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants needed
for May**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

"The Story" Study Groups
Women-Wednesday-11:30 a.m.
All-Wednesday-6:15 p.m.

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Another King gave us another path to follow. This Easter season reminds us that he had it all and gave it all . . . for us. In the Christmas season, or any season for that matter, you can guard yourself from the tyranny of too much stuff by giving. **Simply give so that others can simply live.** That's what the King born as a baby in the manger then crucified did. And my wish? That you visit the manger and find him.

Adapted from the article about The Story was originally written by Pastor Rick Brown of Christbridge Fellowship in Tomball, Texas.



Is Earth Day Biblical?

An African proverb says, "You must treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It is loaned to you by your children." It is a saying of the Kikuyu of Kenya, who have long had a keen sense of their responsibility to care for the earth. The Kikuyu name for Mount Kenya, the second highest mountain in Africa, literally means "God's resting place," and the people believe God gave them the earth to care for on behalf of their children

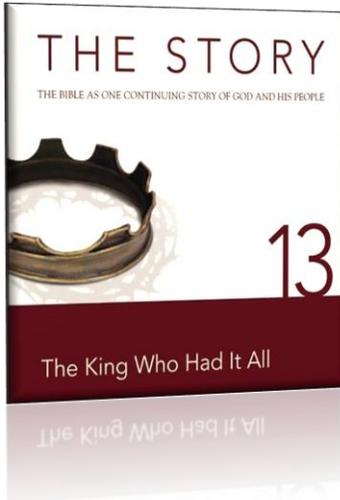
This accords remarkably with the Biblical understanding. The language used in [Genesis 1:28 – 30](#) troubles some people. "Rule over" can suggest "control," which could lead to careless and selfish use of the earth. Indeed, today we live in fear of endangering species and gobbling up the earth's precious resources.

Yet the Biblical motive for creation care has nothing to do with fear. Nor according to the Bible is it our job to "save the planet" — God has already promised to do that in Jesus Christ (see [Revelation 22](#)). Our job is simply to care as best we can for that which he has entrusted to us. "Ruling over," it turns out, is just the right phrase for this task, because it signals a positive and strong responsibility. It implies accountability to the One who gave us the task, as well as the ability and authority to do it.

Our care for creation is grounded in hope, which the Kikuyu proverb hints at. This is God's world, not ours. In his loving providence, he has promised that there will be children, and that there will be an earth to hand over to them, generation by generation. Things may get worse for a time, but in the end, God will have his way with our planet.

Thus, creation care is motivated not by fear, but by love — love for our children and our heavenly Father. We are called to steadily improve the environment while trusting in the One who cares more deeply for his creation than we ever could. And he will completely renew it someday.

Article drawn from the [Understand the Faith Study Bible](#). NIV News, HarperCollins Christian Publishing April 25, 2022, 501 Nelson Place, Nashville, TN 37214



Books and Study Guides are still available. Contact the office.

Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste it into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High**
 Sunday School 10:15
 Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Chancel Choir –**
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday	9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00
Tuesday	9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00
Friday	9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Who offered to make tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?	King Cyrus was ruler of which nation?	What was the name of Hosea's wife?
a) John b) James c) Judas d) Peter	a) Babylon b) Assyria c) Persia d) Egypt	a) Gomer b) Tamar c) Rahab d) Dinah

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



1st – Ann Stevens
 2nd – Vicki Grummert
 3rd – Arlyne Collins, Amelia Hiser, Dennis Howard
 4th – Brandon Pease
 5th – Darby Skillern, Dave Christensen
 6th Avery Baldwin, Randy Dailey
 7th – Marlene Perry

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

L: Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

P: Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

L: Christ asks us if we love him.

P: We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship

L: Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

P: Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others. AMEN

“THE KING WHO HAD IT ALL”

New Testament Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

New Testament Scripture: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Songs

Hymn of Promise #707 (Hymnal)

Living for Jesus #2129 (Black Book)

Are Ye Able #530 (Hymnal)

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord #352 (Hymnal)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 72

Online Worship – Facebook 8, Youtube 9

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

Answers for April 24th are b) jealousy d) 50,000 pieces of silver a) as common as stone

Clues for May 1st Q1) Matthew, Q2) Ezra, Q3) Hosea



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

During our AED/CPR refresher last Sunday, the doctor made a comment about farmers and duct tape. I imagine he was referring to the old saying that you can fix almost anything with either WD-40 or duct tape. If it moves and it's not supposed to – duct tape. If it **doesn't** move, and it's supposed to – WD-40.

We are fortunate to have more than just two tools in our toolbox at this church, but we've been neglecting one of our newer ones a bit, so it's time to give it another look. I'm speaking of our OneChurch software subscription. Linda, as part of her service as the Membership Secretary, has been adding people to our database to make it easier for us to contact people when the occasion arises. I would like for **all** of us to be able to use it as a tool to help us connect with one another.

Looking at our church directory has been valuable for me as the incoming pastor, and with Pastor David Clark coming in July, I believe it will be a valuable tool for him as well. But it's four years old, and it would be better if it were updated, especially with photos. The good news is that this is something that most of you can do yourselves by going to <https://shenchurch.onechurchsoftware.com> and logging in. The **better** news is that we'll be happy to help if/when you need it. Here's a link to a video which will give you an overview of the system: <https://youtu.be/gzxQqm4wD9g>

If you need an updated photo, I'm going to set up a little photo booth after church on May 15. That will also be for us to help if you need to update any contact information and for us to ask what information you are willing to share in our church directory.

Blessings,

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Women's Spring Tea, Sunday, May 1, 2022. This will take place at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



The Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) is due this Sunday, May 1st. If you have completed your paper survey, please make sure it gets returned to the church by Sunday. There is a sealed box on the Welcome Center Table to collect those surveys. You can still complete your survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHENANDOAHFUMC>. The survey does not require your name or identifying information. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey to enable us to make better decisions in less time and with more confidence.