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A young boy arrived to Sunday School class late. His teacher knew that the boy was usually very prompt and asked him if anything was wrong. The boy replied no, that he was going fishing, but his dad told him that he needed to go to church instead. The teacher was very impressed and asked the boy if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing. To which the boy replied, "Yes, he did. My dad said that he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

The mighty hog hunters on the cover of this month's 8th Annual Huntin' & Fishin' Edition of Street Talk America is Scott and Wyatt Ward and their hog dog, Buddy. Buddy bayed the hog on the Choctawhatchee River until help arrived. This hog weighed around 200 lbs with 2 inch tusks.

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RESOLUTIONS

By: Tim Patton
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You have to love an 8 year-old boy. He is a walking disaster area and he simply cannot help himself. When Charles Schultz thought up the character of “Pigpen” for his Peanuts comic strip, he must have had every 8 year-old boy he had ever known as his inspiration. Yes, in case you were wondering, I am blessed with just such a creature. You know the kind, the one who can never bring in all of his stuff from the car; who trails the jacket, shoes, backpack, socks, and other debris from the door all the way through the house to the television. If he picks up my phone or iPad, when he is through, I cannot see the screen for all the fingerprints, smudges, and, yes, I think that is snot. You can dress him for church, make him STAND still in the middle of the den not touching anything, put him in the car and drive exactly 2.5 miles to the church. Upon exiting the car, 4 minutes after departing the house, he emerges untucked and so ruffled he looks like he slept in his clothes! I pick him up from school and he is filthy – face smudged with dirt, shoes filled with sand, and dragging two jackets because he had left one the day before. “How did you get so dirty at school, Son?” I ask. “Well, we were playing spies at recess and me and my friend were rolling around in the dirt play fighting.” Of course...

School picture day arrived. I got him up early and made him take a shower. I fixed his hair, put a nice shirt on him and then made him look me in the eye as I said, “Son, you are clean and nicely dressed for pictures today. DO NOT roll around in the dirt on the playground until AFTER you have taken your pictures. I want you to look nice for your school pictures! Can you promise me that?” He stops and I can see him contemplating my request. After about 30 seconds, he



looks back up at me and with all seriousness says, “I am sorry, but I don’t think I can promise that.”

New Years is often the time for resolutions and promises to do better in the year ahead. We want to be healthier and do better financially or complete some great task or challenge. Truth is, we don’t do very well. One study shows that of the people who make New Year’s resolutions, 25% never make it through the first week! Only half make it through the first month. Apparently, only 8% (yes, read that again!) are successful in accomplishing their goals! So, this year, let me encourage you to make some commitments that God has promised to give you the power to accomplish. Since we cannot keep commitments on our own, we need some divine power to reach those goals. Here are some goals that Paul gives us from Colossians 3:1-17: **Desire God’s ways in your life; Destroy that which is evil and causes you to sin and fail in accomplishing God’s will; Dress your life with compassion and kindness, humility and meekness, patience and forgiveness, and over all those put on love.** These are the things that God most wants you to desire for your new year. So, along with that goal of losing 40 pounds and writing the next great American novel, let’s resolve to be the people God wants us to be. After all, He promised He would grow these attributes in our lives! Happy New Year!

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A guy had planned a fishing trip to his favorite fishing spot. He packed and began the trip to the water. He launched his boat, motored to his honey hole and began fishing. In no time, he caught the biggest fish he'd ever caught. He cast out again and was delighted to catch an even larger one. Every cast, he caught a trophy fish. Then his mobile phone rang; it was the hospital telling him his wife had been admitted to the emergency room. She may die, they told him. The fisherman is worried, but he wants to catch the world record fish, so he decides to have just a few more casts. He pulls in three more really huge ones, but his conscience begins to get the better of him, so he reluctantly pulls anchor and motors back to his car to go to the hospital. Running into the emergency room, he meets up with a stern-looking doctor. The doctor sees the man dressed for fishing and scolds the husband, "Your wife has been at death's door for hours now. You kept fishing after you were called, didn't you? You ought to be ashamed!" The fisherman sobbed it was true. "Well," said the doc, "I hope you had a good time; your wife will survive, but your fishing days are over... She will require constant care from now on... 24 hours per day. You will have to do everything for her." The fisherman sobbed, "Oh God, I didn't think it was that bad, I feel terrible!" The doc grinned and nudged the fisherman with his elbow... "Just kidding, buddy... she's dead. How many did you catch?"

You Gotta Believe

A deer hunter who was an atheist was out in the woods when suddenly a 1,000-pound deer stepped out. "Good God!" exclaimed the hunter. Suddenly, a voice from Heaven said, "I thought you didn't believe in me." The hunter replied, "Up until now I didn't believe in 1,000-pound deer either."

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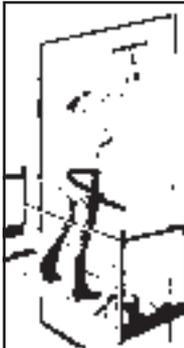
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Extinct

A big-game hunter came across a dinosaur in the middle of the jungle and stared at it in surprise. "You're extinct," he said. The dinosaur was hard of hearing. "What was that you said?" The hunter shouted at the top of his voice. "You are extinct!" The dinosaur looked a little nonplused. "So would you if you'd been dead for six million years."

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Three fishermen were fishing when they came upon a mermaid. The mermaid offered them one wish each, so the first fisherman said, "Double my I.Q.," so the mermaid did it and to his surprise he started reciting Shakespeare. Then the second fisherman said, "Triple my I.Q.," and sure enough the mermaid did it. Amazingly, he started doing math problems he didn't know existed. The third fisherman was so impressed he asked the mermaid to quadruple his I.Q. and the mermaid said, "Are you sure about this? It will change your whole life!" The fisherman said "yes" so the mermaid turned him into a woman...

Thou Shalt Not Lie

The tender young mother detected her baby boy in a deliberate lie. With tears in her eyes, and a catch in her voice, she sought to impress upon him the enormity of his offense. "Do you know," she questioned severely, "what happens to little boys who tell lies?" The boy shook his head in great distress, and the mother explained carefully, "Why, a great big man, with horns on his head and one eye in the center of his forehead, comes along and grabs the little boy who has told a lie, and flies with him up to the moon, and keeps him there sifting ashes all the rest of his life. You won't ever tell another lie, will you, darling? It's wicked!" Mother's baby boy regarded the speaker with round-eyed admiration. "Oh, ma," he gurgled, "what a whopper!"

Mr. Curtis' Classics

Can you guess what year, make & model this beauty is? Turn to page 25 to learn more!



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A Politician's Surgery

A politician awoke in a hospital bed after a complicated operation, and found that the curtains were drawn around him. "Why are the curtains closed," he said. "Is it night?" A nurse replied, "No, it is just that there is a fire across the street, and we didn't want you waking up and thinking that the operation was unsuccessful."

Knowing How to Hunt

A deer hunter just messed up another hunt. This happened to him more times than he could count. He would spot a buck, aim, fire and miss. He would sneak up close just to get busted and watch the deer run away. He would sneeze just as the buck came into range. He would fall asleep on stand, waking in time to watch a giant buck scamper away. Frustrated, he complained to his hunting buddies. "Everything that happens to guys that don't know how to hunt keeps happening to me!" he said.

Two christian skunks observed a deer hunter sneaking through the woods with a rifle. "I hope he's not going to shoot at us," said one skunk. The second skunk bowed his head and said, "Let us spray."

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- 4 medium green bell peppers
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ½ tsp oregano
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 8 oz can tomato sauce

Cut pepper in halves lengthwise; remove core and seeds. Place peppers halves in baking dish, set aside for stuffing. In mixing bowl, crumble beef; add rice, seasonings, celery, onions, egg and 2 tablespoons tomato sauce. Mix well. Spoon mixture into pepper halves. Spoon remaining tomato sauce over peppers. Bake in oven at 350° for 45 minutes.

Mexican Casserole

- 1 ½ lb ground beef
 - 12 corn tortillas
 - 1 large can, ranch style beans
 - ½ lb Velveeta cheese – cut in 1 inch blocks
 - 1 medium onion – chopped
 - 1 ½ cans cream of chicken soup
 - 1 can Rotel tomatoes with green chiles
- Brown ground beef and drain. Place in bottom of 9x12 inch pan. Cover with 6 corn tortillas. Layer ranch style beans, Velveeta cheese, onions, then top with 6 more corn tortillas. Spread cream of chicken soup over top and then finish with Rotel tomatoes. Bake at 325° for one hour.

Pork Chop Casserole

- 5-8 pork chops
 - salt & pepper to taste
 - 1 cup chili sauce
 - 1 tbs brown sugar
 - 1 tbs worcestershire sauce
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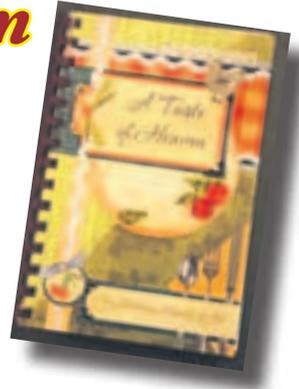
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Two deer hunters were standing on a ridge near a highway in rural Alabama on the opening day of deer season. They both spotted a large buck coming towards them. As the one hunter raised his gun to shoot, a funeral procession came slowly by. The hunter lowered his gun, took off his hat, and stood with his head bowed until it was past. Of course by then, the deer was long gone. The other hunter exclaimed "Wow! That was the most sportsmanlike act I've ever seen! You are a great humanitarian and a shining example to sportsmen throughout the world!" The first hunter nodded and said; "Well, out of respect, we were married for 42 years."

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Dear Sherri,

So, what I am about to tell you could make me have my "man card" revoked, but, I do not like hunting. I know, I know. I am probably not even a bona fide redneck. It just bores me out of my mind. Getting up early, climbing up a tree in the cold, it just ain't for me. I'd rather sleep in. Here's the problem- my Papa, my Daddy and my brothers are hunting fanatics. And they expect me to be one too. They rent land together, take hunting trips out of state, and expect me to pay my share for all of it. How do I get out of it without losing my place in the family?

Up a Tree

Dear Up a Tree,

You may have a point- if I were you, I would hide my man card! *Just kidding!* There are plenty other "manly things" that you can do to fill your time. There are many gender-specific expectations that society puts on us all. Men are "supposed" to hunt, fish, and love football. Women are "supposed" to cook, shop and clean. When a person fails to neatly fit into their gender roles, responses can vary from some good-natured ribbing, to angry, downright rejection. In each family, we create our own traditions until we can develop a culture all of our own. That is where these differences can be most glaring and problematic. We want to feel "at home" with being ourselves with those we love most. But, quite frankly, family can be the most outspoken and demanding!

So, here are a few ideas for dealing with your dilemma:

- Level with the guys. Tell them it is not fun to you- and hope for the best!
- Look for a different bonding activity like attending ballgames together, building a boat, or fishing. Suggest a night to have a bonfire and eat oysters, whatever you know you all will like.
- Compromise- maybe attend the "big deal" hunting days with them, such as opening day, or the annual trip to Texas. Then sit out the rest. I know this may sound dreadful to you, but being in a relationship with someone, does occasionally require participation in their favorite activity. (This is where love becomes sacrificial!)

• Try to identify the parts of hunting you dislike and see if there are ways around it. If it's the early rising you detest, try late afternoon trips. If you are bored in a tree stand, spend your time playing your favorite games on your phone, or bring along a book. No one has to know what you do. (What happens in the tree stand, stays in the tree stand) Enjoy the solitude. Catch up on your prayer time.

When all else fails, be true to yourself. In time, your family is bound to accept that hunting is not your thing. But if they never do, be comfortable in your own skin. You do not have to believe the put-downs that they may say about you. Laugh it off and keep going. At the end of the day, it is your time and money and hunting does not have to be the only activity that defines your guy time.

I hope some of these ideas will help you. But take heart, the season will be over before you know it!

Sherri

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- It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.
- It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.
- It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church.
- It's strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip.
- It's strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

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 Father: "Say Sorry!"
 Son: "Please tell me why?"
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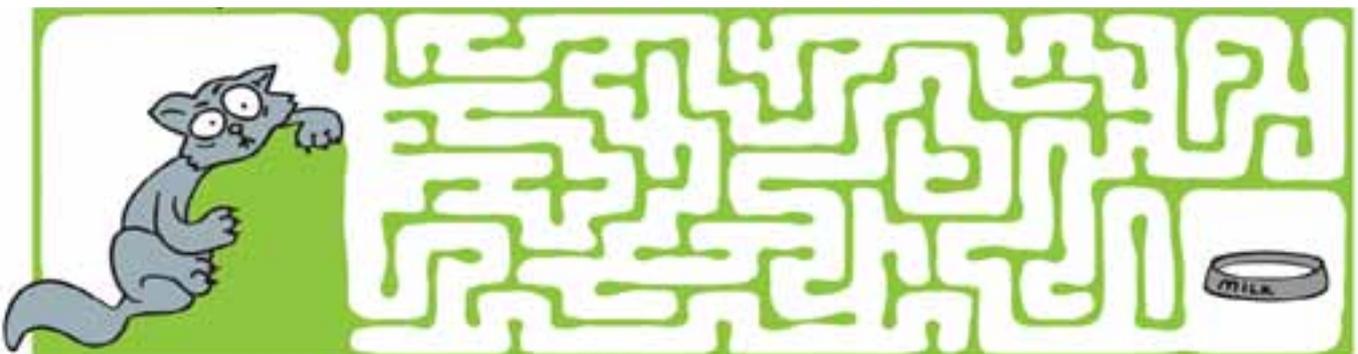
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We have a black box that I will call 'The Eye.' It sees all and no one escapes it. This so called Eye is a high frequency radio beam or laser with enough electrical powder to detonate any blasting cap. We have the Eye placed in parking lots, airports, restaurants, and amusement parks, just to name a few. Traffic lights could have the Eye placed on them and if someone drove past with a bomb, it would be their last ride. If I have a bomb under my coat and a ticket to the NFL and if I am blown up in the parking lot, minor damage would be done. All gates and entrance

routes will have the Eye looking and the bomber will never get inside where it would do major damage. All through and around airports will have the Eye looking and the bomb will explode before it can board an airplane. Again, no one escaped carrying a bomb, it gets you before you can get us. We can sit back and hope that the terrorists will give up and go away. They win the war each time a bomb kills one person or five hundred. They are bringing it to us so why don't we get them first? We might not have the man power, but we do have the know how.

Now that we have the bombs taken care of we can turn our attention to gun control in America. Why is it we want more gun control laws added to the ones we already have that are not working? We can't control the guns that people wrongly use.

Because of the freedom that we enjoy having here in America, we will always be at risk for another school shooting. We could turn our schools into prisons with electrical fences and razor wire, gate guards and gun towers, but that would take away our freedoms of coming and going as we please. I don't have a quick fix to secure our schools, the Eye can only see bombs, not guns.

We could arm the school teachers and staff and require them to spend so many hours at the firing range. Each one could become an expert shot, now all they have to do is kill the gunman taking over their class. Hitting the bulls eye on a target is another world from actually killing a person. True, you now know how to shoot, but you must also know how to react to what is going on in the present. This is called the warrior mentality. Here's an example: You are sitting at your desk and twenty students are in their desk taking tests. A gunman kicks the door open and orders everyone face-down on the ground. What the gunman doesn't know is that he is not in charge of your classroom, you are. The 9mm glock is in your desk drawer fully loaded and ready. You try to say something, but he tells you to

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shut-up and stay down. Being intimidated is only for the weak and you have a warrior's mentality. Someone is in major trouble and in for a big surprise and it's not the teacher. You stay seated, but you slowly reach into your desk drawer and slide the safety to off. The kids are on the floor, out of the way, you bring out the gun and fire five quick rounds hitting him with the first three. He is hurt and may be dying, but still moving. You pump the rest of the clip into his chest, close to the heart area. Now there is no movement. 911 is called, but it is over. It was over for him when he came into your classroom. He was never in charge even though you pretended he was. You had been trained and you knew what you had to do and how to do it.

Do you have a warrior mentality? If not, develop one and be prepared.

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A lady noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. Thinking he was trying to weigh less with this maneuver, she commented, "I don't think that's going to help." "Sure it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

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Rice

By: Dr. Charlie Hinson

The bag Susan handed me was quite colorful---and weighed 15 pounds. It was a gift she just wanted to give us as a blessing. I looked on the front of the burlap bag, and it said: *Royal Basmati Rice - from the foothills of the Himalayas*. I thought to myself, I've received some really strange gifts in my life, but this is the first time anyone ever gave me a bag of rice. Of course, I was respectfully grateful, because nothing in life is free. But when Elaine fixed a big pot of that rice, I realized the value of what I had received. Honestly, since the years we lived in Africa, when rice was sometimes all we had to eat, I really love rice, and sometimes will fix a bowl late at night. It's warm, it's healthy, it's good, and it leaves me feeling relaxed.

But I have to tell you what flashed through my mind the first time I tried Royal Basmati Rice. It was so good I didn't have to add butter, or gravy, or anything else; just some salt to bring out the flavor. I thought, *'this could sustain you if it was all you had.'* Then it hit me.

The folks were lined up at the back door of our lit-

tle block home in Pleebo, Liberia. We had "manufactured" work for them to do around the mission station. There was the 120,000 square foot airstrip that had to be kept cut very low, by hand, with machetes, so the plane wouldn't flip when I touched down. A side benefit was that the shorter the grass, the fewer deadly snakes tended to gather around our house. There was water to be hauled from the creek one-quarter mile behind our house. The plane required considerable labor, washing it, gassing it up, and helping me load and unload for interior flights.

Anyway, they were lined up, and each one had a Campbell's soup can in his hand. Each can was open on one end, and had been meticulously elongated on the other by tapping the bottom outward so it would hold more. My family ate an average of 100 pounds of rice every 30 days, and I thought, what a blessing that we can share our rice with these folks. A can of dry rice, cooked, was probably all some of them would have to eat in a 24-hour period. The rice was not 1st class; sometimes with husks, and an occasional bug. And I would make the 700 mile round-trip to Monrovia once or twice a month and haul back 500 pounds. I thought, *'That's a lot of trouble just to have rice to share.'* But the smile on their face when I piled up their can of rice was worth a million dollars.

That's the first thing that popped into my mind when Susan handed me that first (of many) bags of Basmati Rice. The latter part of Matthew 10:8 keeps flashing in front of me, *"Freely ye have received; freely give!"* Thank you, Susan, for that lesson. P.S. Always add a little salt, whether it is rice you are giving, or your testimony. Should be easy. Jesus said we are supposed to be the salt of the earth.

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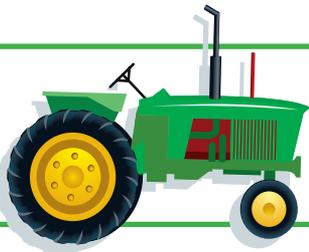
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By: BN Heard



Gladys and the Dirty Joke

Sitting in the floor going through a box of my Mama's old pictures, I was having the best of times. I found envelopes full of Apache Indian children where Mama would go in the summers to do mission work during college. Also, there were envelopes of student pictures from the early 1960s. Black and white photos of people I didn't know, but I knew Mama had touched their lives in her 42 years of teaching school.

Then I came across a single black and white picture of a teacher, obviously made by the school photographer on picture day. It looked to be made in the early to mid-1960s. I knew right away who it was and her picture brought a smile to my face.

She was a rather tall woman with a "Jane Hathaway" look to her. You know Jane Hathaway, Mr. Drysdale's love-starved, bird watching, well put-together secretary on the old television show, "The Beverly Hillbillies."

This teacher was by no means as skinny and frail looking as Jane Hathaway, she just had that air to her. She was much more stout and intimidating than Jane Hathaway. And if I remember correctly from later in my academic career, she also could swing a paddle.

However, it's not the beating or beatings that I remember, it was simply her sense of humor, which was a bit dry and her "educated way." Please note that we did have and still do have some very well-educated school teachers down in Alabama.

This teacher's name was "Gladys Hanson." She was my Mama's dear friend for many years. She passed away more than ten years ago, almost making it to 90 years-old. The picture I found was her in her mid to late 40's when she was there to mentor younger teachers like my Mama.

I never will forget the first time I met "Miss Gladys," mainly because my Mama reminded me all the time about the conversation we had. Miss Gladys asked me, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I didn't think twice about it. A little boy of 4 or 5 whose mother was a school teacher and missionary put directly on the spot by an intimidating scholarly matron of Alabama public school education doesn't have to think about it. I looked Miss Gladys right in the eyes and said, "I'm going to be a bank robber." Miss Gladys raised her eyebrows and said something to the effect of, "At least you know," and let out a chuckle like only a woman of Jane Hathaway's nature and 3 times her size could release. Mama wasn't much on being embarrassed by such things, she actually got a kick out of it.



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The other thing I remembered looking at that picture was that Miss Gladys was responsible for probably the dirtiest joke my Mama ever told. Don't get worried, in all the time around my Mama, she never once uttered a curse word.

However, she was very fond of this one joke that Miss Gladys told. She had various versions and having only heard my Mama tell it, I can only imagine that Miss Gladys delivered it well with a straight face like a woman who taught more than three decades and spent maybe two more decades as a librarian.

I think about it now and I think how absolutely silly (possibly stupid) the joke was. I still smile, because Mama thought it was funny and Miss Gladys was not someone you would expect to say such things.

The joke? Miss Gladys would say that her mother chose her name after much discussion with her father. Her mother was dead set on *Gladys*, her father was not. He sincerely thought that "*Happybutt*" was just as good a name as *Gladys*. This was later in Mama's life when she starting telling me this, when she thought it was okay to insinuate what Miss Gladys meant (without actually changing the pronunciation of "*Gladys*"). Mama would just laugh and look around to make sure no one else was listening when she told it to me.

So, pick up a picture, remember a sweet memory and laugh. Forget about the beatings, I turned out ok (perhaps a little credit should go to Miss Gladys' board of education).

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- ½ cup shredded cheese of your choice

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a baking dish large enough to hold the mushroom caps in a single layer. Wash mushrooms and remove stems. Stuff B.S.M. Crab Meat Stuffing into each mushroom. Layer cheese on top of stuffing and dab with melted butter. Bake for 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and mushrooms are done.

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The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am, in the store, upstairs, in the kitchen, or in the closet. I ask myself 'What am I here after?'"

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- If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.
- Even if you're certain that you are included in the will, it is still considered tacky to drive a U-Haul to the funeral home.
- A centerpiece for your table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
- Do not allow the dog to eat from the table...no matter how good his manners are.
- While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this is a job that should be done in private using one's OWN truck keys.
- Proper use of toiletries can forestall bathing for several days. However, if you live alone, deodorant is a waste of good money.
- Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a social no no, as they tend to detract from a woman's jewelry and alter the taste of finger foods.
- Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date.
- Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles; even if the gun is loaded and the deer is in sight.
- When approaching a four-way stop, the vehicle with the largest tires always has the right of way.
- Never tow another car using panty hose and duct tape.
- When sending your wife down the road with a gas can, it is impolite to ask her to bring back chewing tobacco too.
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Mr. Curtis' Classics

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"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21

Do you have a classic car or truck that you'd like to share with Mr. Curtis and the Street Talk readers? Send us a picture and any info you'd like included about your car to STA P.O. Box 170 Vernon, FL 32462 or email streettalkamerica@live.com

Redneck Logic

Two rednecks decided that they weren't going anywhere in life and thought they should go to college to get ahead. The first went in to see the counselor, who told him to take math, history, and logic. "What's logic?" the first redneck asked. The professor answered, "Let me give you an example. Do you own a weed eater?" "I sure do." "Then I can assume, using logic, that you have a yard," replied the professor. "That's real good!" said the redneck. The professor continued, "Logic will also tell me that since you have a yard, you also own a house." Impressed, the redneck said, "Amazing!" "And since you own a house, logic dictates that you have a wife." "That's Betty Mae! This is incredible!" The redneck was catching on. "Finally, since you have a wife, logically I can assume that you are heterosexual," said the professor. "You're absolutely right! Why that's the most fascinating thing I ever heard! I can't wait to take that logic class!" The redneck, proud of the new world open-

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ing up to him, walked back into the hallway where his friend was still waiting. "So what classes are ya takin'?" asked the friend. "Math, history, and logic!" replied the first redneck. "What in tarnation is logic?" asked his friend. "Let me give you an example. Do ya own a weed eater?" asked the first redneck. "No," his friend replied. "You're gay, ain't ya?"

RIP Jim

Jim passed away. His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral. As the last guests departed the affair, his wife, Sharon, turned to her oldest friend. "Well, I'm sure Jim would be pleased," she said. "I'm sure you're right," replied Judy, who lowered her voice and leaned in close. "How much did this really cost?" "All of it," said Sharon. "Thirty thousand." "No!" Judy exclaimed. "I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?" Sharon answered. "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone." Judy computed quickly. "\$22,500 for a memorial stone? My goodness, how big is it?!" "Two and a half carats."

Little Jimmy is Quick

Teacher: Why are you late?

Jimmy: Class started before I got here.

Teacher: Why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

Jimmy: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: Jimmy, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

Jimmy: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

Teacher: No, that's wrong

Jimmy: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Jimmy, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

Jimmy: Me!

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 Jimmy: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....
 Teacher: Jimmy, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
 Jimmy: No ma'am, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.
 Teacher: Your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.. Did you copy his?
 Jimmy: No. It's the same dog.
 Teacher: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
 Jimmy: A teacher.

I was visiting my daughter yesterday and I asked if I could borrow her newspaper. "Dad, this is the 21st century" she said, "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad." I can tell you this, that fly never knew what hit him.

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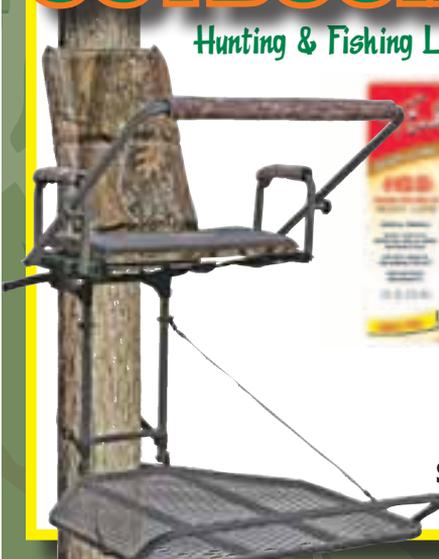
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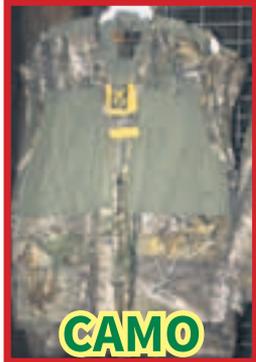




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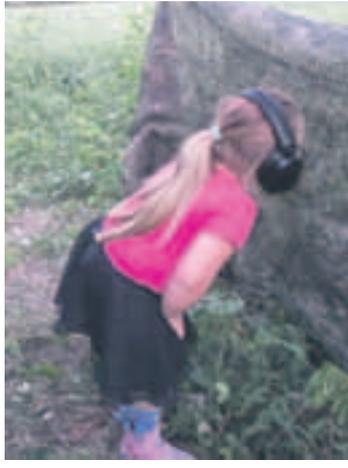
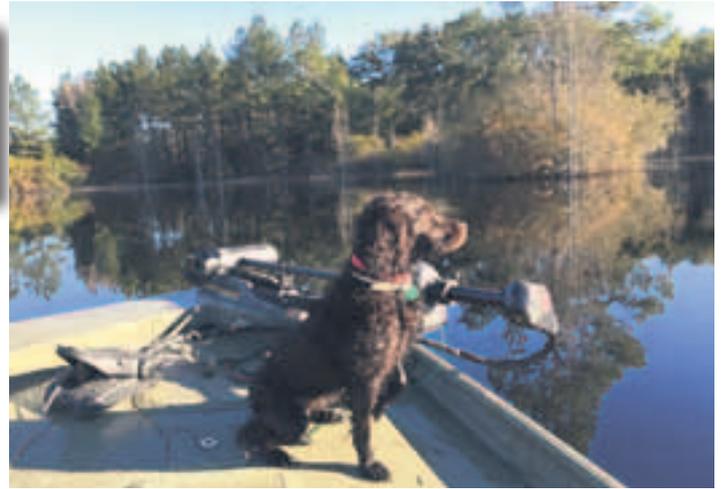
HEALTH TALK

by: Michael Kennedy, ARNP
Hawkins Family Medicine

There is something about January. A feeling in the air of new starts and clear minds lends itself to hunting and embracing nature. In our communities, it is not unusual, if commonplace, to find yourself in conversation with a hunter or fellow outdoorsman (yea, yea, yea, or “outdoors person”). I have been asked in these situations why I hunt, or why I got started hunting as I really didn’t until my late 20’s. I don’t really have a great answer. I have more of a question to myself and others, *why wouldn’t I hunt?*

My first experiences hunting are not entirely different from nowadays, walking quietly through the woods with my trusty BB gun at my side, eyes to the sky, searching for my prey. The wonder of a child is a great way to describe a hunter. Any hunter has at one time or another experienced buck fever, shaking so violently they can’t focus their scope on a huge deer. (The bigger the missed shot, the bigger the buck by the way.) The absolute dichotomy of peace and chaos that is nature is a marvel to behold. In fact, Romans 1:20 puts it this way...

“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.”



Think about what this is trying to convey. The balance and beauty of nature is a working piece of art that will never be matched. I hunt because of the love of witnessing this beauty first hand. Experiencing the sunrise with anticipation yields beautiful colors and a sense of awe that can catch one off guard with both deep contemplation and simple clarity of mind.

I hunt because I like to eat. It is sometimes both hard to explain and hard to understand, but I can fully enjoy watching deer graze, ducks fly, and turkey strut with anticipation of the hunt and an absolute appreciation of the design of the animal. I absolutely do not disrespect game that is taken. I appreciate and enjoy what is provided for those willing to work for the prize.

It doesn’t hurt to know where your food is coming from. It seems like every week there is a new concern or article in the news about concerns with mass production required to feed America. From chemicals to preservatives to hormones,

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there are simply no long-term studies available on current food production to show the effects of these substances on our bodies. As a father, this is a concern. Now, having said that, I am not the hunt master providing all meals that I wish I was in my imagination, but working toward that goal is still a valuable pursuit.

Hopefully, as you read this, I will be hunting with my 5 year old princess Jojo and new dog Lexi. I am still working on my 9 year old as she is more of a fisherwoman. I can see where a ballerina tutu could double as a sniper ghillie suit, and sure hope deer cannot see pink.

Not Her Type

Duck decoys, fishing rods, boots -- outdoor gear of all kinds was piled high in the garage. One day I found my wife staring at the mess. "I hope I die first, so I don't have to get rid of all this," she sighed. "Look on the bright side," I suggested. "If I go first, you can put an ad in the paper. When all the men come by to check out the stuff, you can pick out a replacement for me." Still staring at the pile, she said, "Nah. Whoever would want all this stuff wouldn't be my type."

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Embarrassed

A Saudi Prince went to Germany to study. A month later, he sends a letter to his dad saying, "Berlin is wonderful, people are nice and I really like it here, but I'm a bit ashamed to arrive at school with my gold Mercedes when all my teachers travel by train." Sometime later he gets a letter from his dad with a ten million dollar check saying, "Stop embarrassing us, go and get yourself a train too!"



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- How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?
- I Liked You Better Before I Got to Know You So Well
- I Still Miss You Baby, But My Aim's Gettin' Better
- I Wouldn't Take Her To A Dog Fight 'Cause I'm Afraid She'd Win
- I'll Marry You Tomorrow But Let's Honeymoon Tonight
- I'm So Miserable Without You It's Like Having You Here
- If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To I'd Be Out Of Prison By Now
- My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend and I Sure Do Miss Him
- She Got The Ring And I Got The Finger
- You're The Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly
- Her Teeth Was Stained But Her Heart Was Pure

Why I Didn't Get the Job

I was applying for a job and the employment application clearly stated: "Age of Father (if living)," and the same question for my Mother. I put down the figures 105 and 94 in the spaces provided. The interviewer asked if my parents were truly that old. I replied, "No, but they would be if they were still living." That's why I didn't get the job.

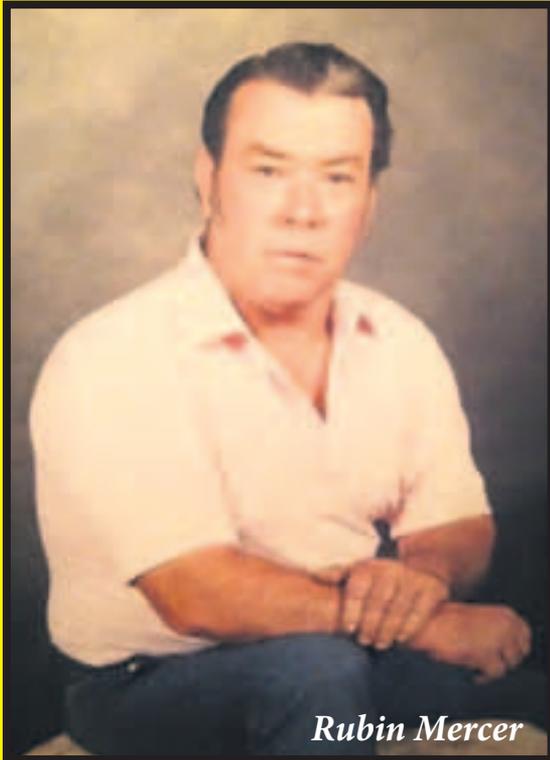


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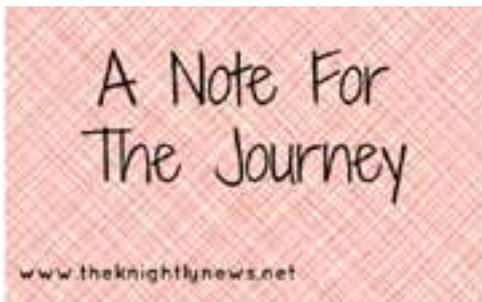
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Psalm 100:4-5 KJV



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HOPE IS A CHOICE

As I wrote this, 2016 was not yet here, but now, look at it. Brand-spankin' new year. 2016. A year for HOPE. In 2013, I spoke at a Covenant Hospice event these words: *"Hope remembers the past, is aware of the present, but presses on toward the future."*

I was there to share an encouraging word to those who had suffered loss that year. It was the Christmas season—a time when we who have lost someone, remembers the heart-aches of losing. More than losing a battle—or losing a game. This loss bears heavy on each person for months and years. Every anniversary we are reminded of the pain of loss. But today, I want to remind us of the HOPE we have. Let 2016 become a brand new start for each one.

Hope remembers. Hope can hear the past; the funny stories, the sweet songs, and Hope chooses that which is good. Hope realizes the present and has a determined focus to help someone else each day and be-



even felt in my spirit that Wanda lingered a bit longer because she loved to laugh and loved a good *"Aimee story."* It's okay to laugh—just as it's okay to weep. We need both. It is a washing of the eyes and soul. And we all need that bath.

Hope is resilient. Hope resolves to continue on. Hope anchored in Christ recovers readily from the winds and waves of life. Hope pushes us forward, knowing *"forward"* is where healing and growth takes place, not with our heels and heart digging into the past dry dirt of yesterday. There's no nourishment in the past.

As we navigated through our first Christmas without Wanda, I felt like I walked around wearing my clothes wrong-side-out. I felt turned around and upside down. This was new. I was not sure how I was supposed to transition through this season of life. The joy of the LORD truly became my strength. I discovered that laughter is possible again, and love continues on. Even after they're gone. And even with fresh tears, I can smile and rejoice at a new day coming!

Yes, our futures do look different when they are gone, but Hope can take that seat at the table and we can feast on the joy of the LORD. It takes time to see this, as that first year I didn't feel that *"Hope"*, rather I felt the reminder of Loss. Navigation is painful and

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often difficult. But when we allow the God of hope to guide our hearts and minds it is possible.

We are approaching our 8th year of her home-going. Memories still flood the heart, but Hope stands strong beside each one. We remember all the blessings and we rejoice in God's gift of life and we become resilient as we keep our faith, trust and HOPE in Jesus Christ. After all, *Hope is a choice.*

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Telling Tales

A young man and an old man were fishing on a pier. The young man started telling the old one that the night before he caught a trout that was over 3 1/2 feet long. The old man replied "Oh yeah, well I was here 2 nights ago and I hooked something huge. After a 30 minute fight I finally got it up and it was an old lantern and the thing was still lit." The young man said "Your're lying. I can't believe that." Then the old man said "I'll tell you what, you knock a couple of feet off your trout and I'll blow out my lantern."

Osama at the Pearly Gates

Osama bin Laden was greeted at the pearly gates by George Washington, who slapped him and yelled, "How dare you try to destroy the nation I helped conceive?" Patrick Henry then approached and punched Osama in the nose. James Madison entered and kicked him in the shin. An angry Thomas Jefferson whacked Osama over the head with a cane. The thrashing continued as John Randolph, James Monroe, and 66 other early Americans came in and unleashed their anger on the terrorist leader. Suddenly, as Osama lay writhing in unbearable pain, an angel appeared. "This is not what I was promised," said Osama. "Come on, Osama," the angel replied. "you were told there would be 72 Virginians waiting for you in heaven."

Poor Lion

A big-game hunter went on a safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One evening, while still deep in the jungle, the wife awoke to find her mother gone. Rushing to her husband, she insisted on them both trying to find her mother. The hunter picked up his rifle and started to look for her. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight: the mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, and a large male lion stood facing her. The wife cried, "What are we going to do?" "Nothing," said the hunter husband. "The lion got himself into this mess, let him get himself out of it."



Good Lawyer

An investment advisor decided to go out on her own. She was shrewd and diligent, so business kept coming in, and pretty soon she realized that she needed an in-house counsel. The investment banker began to interview young lawyers. "As I'm sure you can understand," she started off with one of the first applicants, "in a business like this, our personal integrity must be beyond question." She leaned forward. "Mr. Smith, are you an honest lawyer?" "Honest?" replied the job prospect. "Let me tell you something about honest. Why, I'm so honest that my father lent me \$150,000 for my education, and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case." "Impressive. And what sort of case was that?" asked the investment advisor. The lawyer squirmed in his seat and admitted, "He sued me for the money."

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Tears of Joy

A new mother goes upstairs to check on her napping infant. As she opens the door she sees her husband sitting in front of the crib. He hasn't noticed her yet so she slowly and quietly walks up to him. The new father is just staring at the baby in the crib, not saying a word, deep in thought. The mother looks and sees expressions of bewilderment, disbelief and absolute pure joy on her husband's face. Dad finally notices his wife and says, "It's amazing, isn't it?" Mother who, spent over 17 hours in labor without an epidural, says, "Yes dear, it's just incredible," as she wipes a tear of joy from her husband's face. He looks directly into her eyes and says, "Who'da thought ya could buy a crib this good for fifty bucks!"

A Fishermen's Luck

Standing at the edge of the lake, a man saw a woman flailing about in the deep water. Unable to swim, the man screamed for help. A trout fisherman ran up. The man said, "My wife is drowning and I can't swim. Please save her. I'll give you a hundred dollars." The fisherman dove into the water... In ten powerful strokes, he reached the woman, put his arm around her, and swam back to shore. Depositing her at the feet

of the man, the fisherman said, "Okay, where's my hundred dollars?" The man said, "Look, when I saw her going down for the third time, I thought it was my wife. But this is my mother-in-law." The fisherman reached into his pocket and said, "Just my luck. How much do I owe you?"

Eggplant

A grocer put up a sign that read "Eggplants, 25(cents) each -- three for a dollar." All day long, customers came in exclaiming: "Don't be ridiculous! I should get four for a dollar!" Meekly the grocer capitulated and packaged four eggplants. The tailor next door had been watching these antics and finally asked the grocer, "Aren't you going to fix the mistake on your sign?" "What mistake?" the grocer asked. "Before I put up that sign no one ever bought more than one eggplant."

Redneck Movie Quotes

"You had me at 'Sooooey!'"
"Houston, we have a 'possum."
"Are you CRYING? There's no crying in NASCAR!"
"Of all the trailer parks in Pine Cone County, she had to pull her '68 Rambler into mine."
"Use the horse, Luke!"
"I ate his ribs... with some pinto beans and a shot o' Jack Daniel's."
"Hokey opera and ancient museums are no match for a good tractor pull, kid."
"I know what you're thinking... did he fire six shots or only five? Well, heck if I know! You KNOW I can't count no higher'n three since the chainsaw accident!"
"You want a tooth?! You can't HANDLE a tooth!!"

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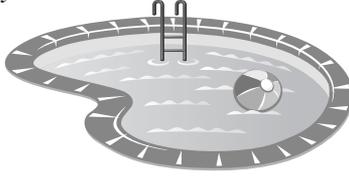
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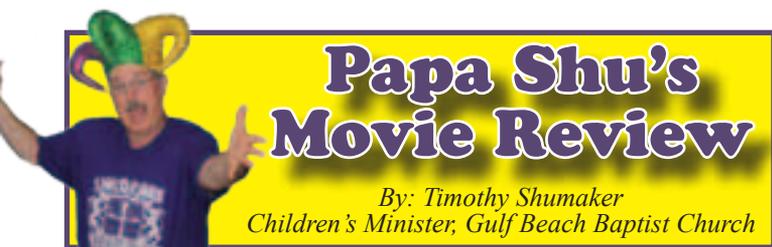
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STAR WARS EPISODE 7: THE FORCE AWAKENS

Spoiler Alert! If you do not want to know how this movie ends please stop reading. Movie plots will be revealed!

For every generation, more of the Star Wars saga is revealed to the delight of all Star Wars fans. The seventh episode, *The Force Awakens*, certainly offers a worthy addition to the story. This new tale transports viewers 30 years to the next generation of heroes and villains in the Star Wars universe during a time when the Jedi Knights are merely legends and myths. The galactic empire is no more, however, the dark side of the force is still alive and well in the First Order, a darker cult with the aspirations of the empire. The First Order has its own highly destructive planetary weapon, Tie fighters, storm troopers, and even has their own Darth Vader wannabe, his grandson, Kylo Ren. This masked villain has a serious anger management problem, which makes him reckless and more of a threat to those around him and somewhat less foreboding than the cold and calculating Darth Vader. Nevertheless, Kylo Ren will forever be among the vilest of villains for his extraordinary cruelty. Luke Skywalker, the last Jedi Master, has disappeared and rumored to be searching for the first Jedi temple. Both sides of the Force, the First Order and the Resistance, are pouring all their efforts into finding Skywalker.

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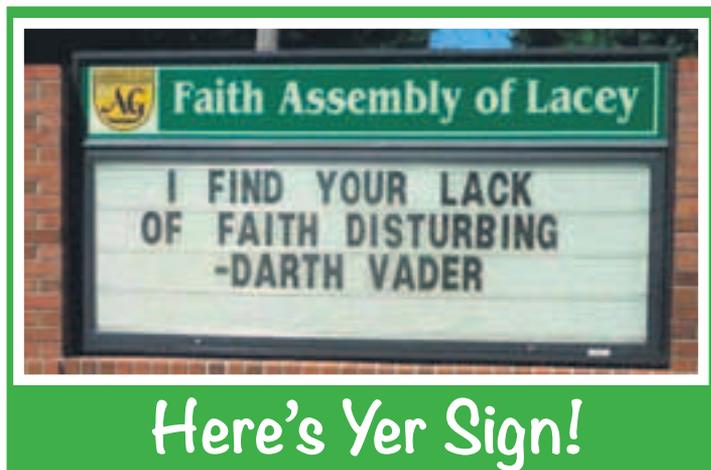


A Resistance pilot named Poe hides a clue to finding the last Jedi in a droid named BB-8. Pursued by Kylo Ren, BB-8 joins company with a scavenger named Rey. Poe is captured and tortured by Kylo Ren, however, Poe escapes with the aid of a Stormtrooper who has developed a conscience named Finn. This cast of new characters eventually teams up with some familiar faces, like Chewbacca, Han Solo, and Leia. The First Order uses their terrible planet-killer weapon and the Resistance forms a plan to stop them and destroy the device. This may seem to be a familiar Star Wars plot; however, there are key elements of this film that are intentionally left out of this review. (just couldn't bring myself to be that much of a spoiler)

There are a few things that parents should be aware of with this episode. It is rated PG-13 for a reason. The body count is rather high, but there is very little blood. Parents should also be relieved to know that there is no sexual content and limited foul language. Can anyone be redeemed? The question of redemption is a major theme in this film. A Stormtrooper, Finn, turns away from his conditioning in order to do the right thing. Rey, a lowly scavenger, rises to become a hero. Even Kylo Ren, a dark Sith apprentice, struggles with the internal conflict between dark and light. The entire Star Wars epic teaches that it is never too late and there is always the possibility of redemption.

Also, Star Wars continues to be a great film source for discussing themes like *courage, friendship, faith* and *family*. Even though we all do evil deeds, we are not beyond the hope of light. The truth of the possibility of redemption is certainly worth passing along to our kids. Just be sure that you include in your discussion that it is in *Jesus Christ* our redemption is truly found.

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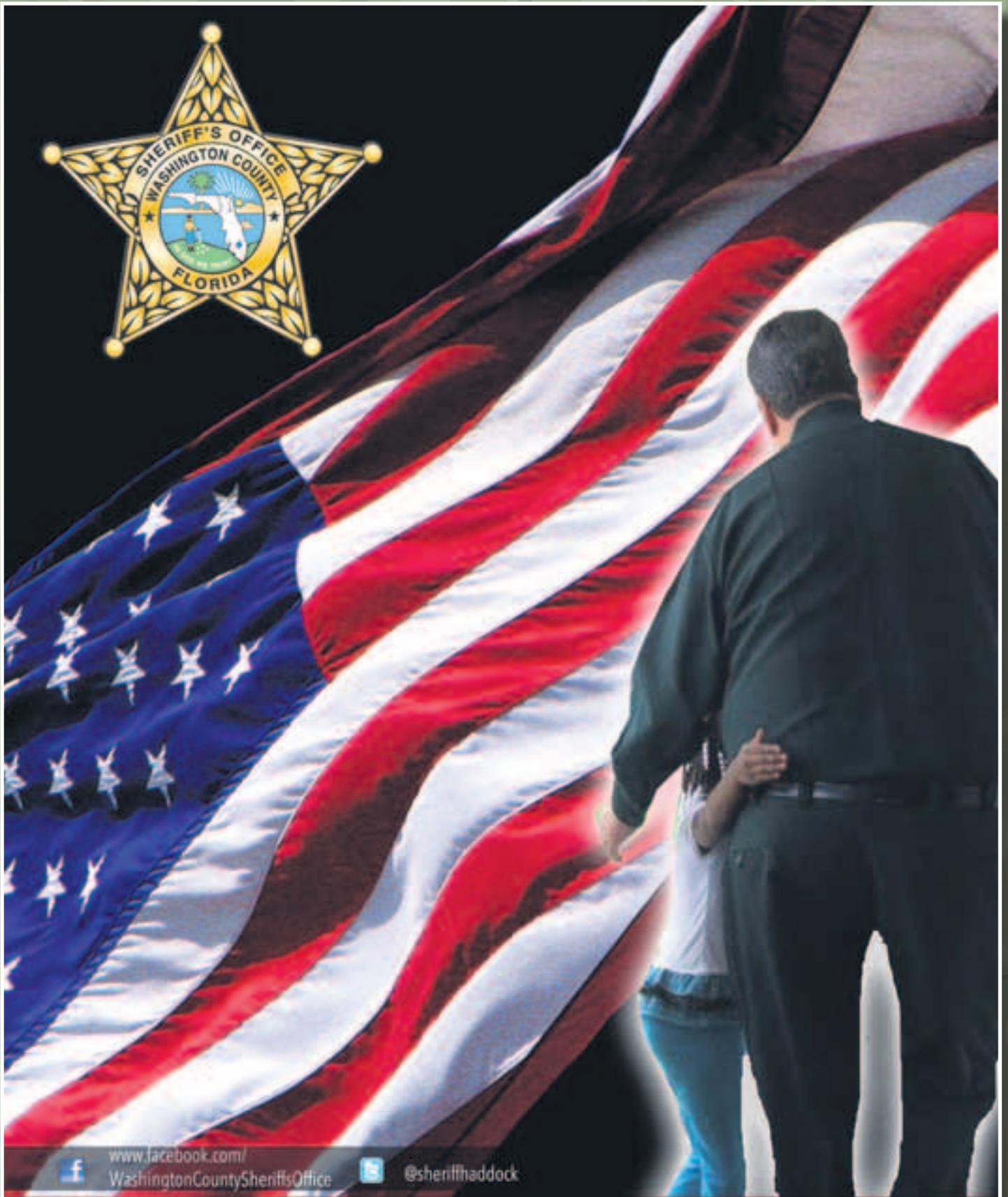
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