

Squeeky says...



The Tabernacle's resident church mouse, philosopher and occasional complainer

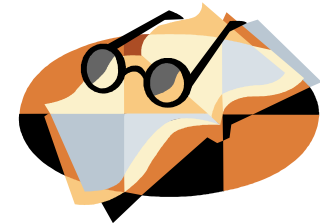
Hi Everybody...
Hey kids! I saw the squirrel you told me about. He was hanging around the church office door. When I waved to him, he waved back. Then we each ran to the edge of the road and shouted greetings to each other. Unfortunately, that's as far as we got because we both are afraid to cross the street. I'm afraid to go too far from Fellowship Hall because I might get locked out. Peanut is afraid to cross the street because, according to him, squirrels get confused crossing a street and they frantically run back and forth, never making it to the other side. I really believe God meant for us to be friends. It's a destiny thing. But I am puzzled as to how to find a way for us to meet face to face. I would appreciate any suggestions. In the meantime, I'll just look wistfully at Peanut from behind the Fellowship Hall doors and pray for a solution. I've been told that God is sovereign and that what He desires, happens. Well, I know one thing. He doesn't want me to be afraid of anything. Whatever happened to the courageous Squeeky we all know and love? I need to read again 2Timothy 1:7.

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Increasing our appetite for GOD... tidbits from Don & Linda Lees

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Beanie Tursky

When Jan McCarthy saw her baby sister, Lilyan, for the first time, she said, “She doesn’t look like a Lilyan, she looks like a little beanie.” The name stuck.

Beanie is Office Manager for Flowers Turf and Pest Management. She likes to ride her bicycle and, when she was younger, was an avid softball player. On Sundays you’ll find her in the sound booth, in charge of putting the words to the songs up on the screen.

Beanie’s passion is for young people, that they would know the hope of Jesus, not be deceived and robbed of their worth and love in Jesus Christ. She feels that too many are caught up in the lies of the world and lose hope.

Married to Joe for 36 years, the Turskys have two grown children, Jonathan and Rachel. The family resides in Indian Harbour Beach.

At the moment Beanie feels God has called her into a time of solitude and prayer with him.

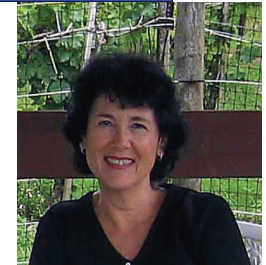
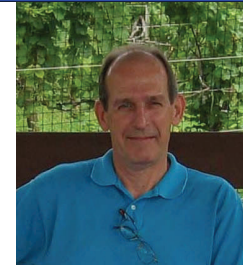
The Body of Christ

Have you ever prayed over a decision, listened for God’s voice, did what you believed you heard and then found yourself challenged later with undesirable circumstances? Then it seems like an eternity before the issues get worked through.

The apostle Paul, in Acts 20, was leaving Miletus and in verse 23 comments about being warned by the Holy Ghost about bonds and afflictions. Paul was warned two more times; once in Tyre and then in Caesarea by a prophet named Agabus. Nevertheless, he felt he needed to go to Jerusalem and, as we all know, was nearly killed by the Jews and ended up in prison over two years. He then was placed under arrest and sent on a ship to Rome. He endured a horrendous storm at sea but, just when things seemed their worst, the angel of God appeared to Paul and said, “Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.” Acts 27:22-24

It was nearly five years earlier that Paul had written the letter to the Romans, saying in Chapter 1 verse 11, “For I long to see you.” For over five years Paul had a sense of destiny and a desire to go to Rome before God confirmed that he would get there. Neither the Jews or the Gentiles were able to thwart God’s destiny for Paul.

The same is true for us, we need to pay attention to the desires God has given us. After all, He is sovereign and will complete what He began in us.



Practical Suggestions...

Now we can do this the easy way or the hard way. Those are the words I thought of when I read Don’s column. Of course, God’s sovereignty is so much more than discipline. When I surrender my life to Him, He takes over. I no longer have to worry about anything. He is in charge. In return I get a destiny that He planned before the world was formed. Every day is full of purpose. The only thing I have to do is listen to His Spirit and trust Him, especially in difficult, puzzling and long-term situations.

When I was young and receiving 25 cents a week for an allowance, I would get docked 5 cents every time I left a light on when leaving a room. I saw no reason for such a severe punishment but I quickly learned to turn off lights.

My parents trained me well in so many areas. But when I was young I didn’t appreciate it. I’d like to relate to God in a better way, always trusting Him to, “Work all things together for good,” in my life, no matter what the present looks like. Romans 8:28

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