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The Lykins Letter

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For from Him & through Him & to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

Identity and Faith

I have recently been studying 1st and 2nd Samuel and one theme that emerged to me in my study was the identity and faith of Saul contrasted with the identity and faith of David. God gave each of them the identity of, “King of Israel.” Saul had trouble accepting this by faith. At the beginning of his kingship, Saul hid from his position and at the end, he desperately tried to hold on to it. David believed God and waited for God to fulfill what He had promised to him. David’s patience in waiting for God to make things happen is amazing. David had opportunities to kill the madman Saul, but he did not take them, but instead waited for God. After Saul’s death, David could have forced himself to be king of a unified Israel. Instead, David waited 7 years before taking his place in Jerusalem and unifying the kingdom. There are other examples of David choosing to wait for God to act rather than grasping something for himself. Saul lived with the angst of self-dependence and tried to make his own way or prove himself. David lived with the peace found through dependence on God and rested on Him to act on His behalf.

What a relevant message for our world! Most people are filled with the agony of self-effort. Like Saul, they spend their lives trying to prove their worth to God and others. Jesus offers them rest from self-effort and a new identity that guarantees them acceptance by God.

At TWR, we overcome barriers that people have to hearing and understanding this invitation to rest in Jesus. For some, it’s a barrier of access. They have no Bible and no way to hear the gospel because there are no churches or believers near them. TWR provides this access through radio and internet streaming. For others, it’s a barrier of literacy. TWR provides evangelical programs so that they

can hear and understand the good news in their heart language. Still others have a belief barrier and need continual saturation of the gospel and God’s word before coming to Christ. TWR provides a daily injection of God’s grace that helps wear away these walls.



TWR Radio Home Group from Central Asia

Family Updates

Daniel is almost finished with his first semester at Liberty University (that’s one down and seven to go). He is working hard and enjoying making many new friends who share his faith in Christ. Catherine successfully finished a pandemic shortened volleyball season and has now started her basketball season. Jesse and Liz are busy making wedding plans for next summer. Benjamin is working primarily from home while Faith is working as a nurse at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our global technical team as we support TWR's worldwide ministry and for open staff positions to be filled.

Please pray for Daniel as he continues to transition to college life

Please pray for the implementation of new systems to streamline TWR's audio and payout processes.

Please pray for our family to grow in the grace and faith of Jesus Christ.

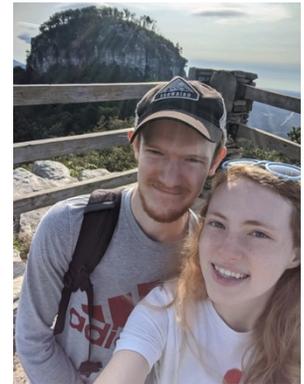


Wesley and Buttercup (i.e., Jesse and Liz)

The Main Event

For TWR, the main event is having listeners hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and be given an opportunity to respond. Below are a few samples of the many listener responses that were recorded by TWR recently.

“I am listening to you from Banyo. I am fifty-six years old and have been a regular listener for many years. Today I am writing to you to thank you for the sermons that you keep spreading. Every evening I return with all my family to listen to the teachings, and never miss *The Word Today* teachings...I am grateful to our Lord because I accepted Him in my life and there are no more curses in my life because Jesus carried everything in my place. Thank you, Almighty God and bless you.” – A listener from Cameroon.



Benjamin and Faith on a recent hike

“I discovered *Thru the Bible* program Igbo teachings three weeks ago and have also involved my husband's relatives to join as we follow the teachings daily. This is like a new school we have enrolled in. Thank you very much for the teachings of God's Word. How do we get the materials to help us study the Word more? Thank you very much.” – a listener from Nigeria.

“Every day I listen to this program while I'm working at the store. I usually listen to *Thru the Bible* and *The Word Today*. I am strengthened and very blessed. Thank you.” – a listener from Indonesia.



Catherine getting ready to smash her volleyball serve