

Because God Has A
Sense of Humor

A devotion for the “big kids” too

Obedience: a Blessing! (by Jan Parrish)

“The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered.”

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:11

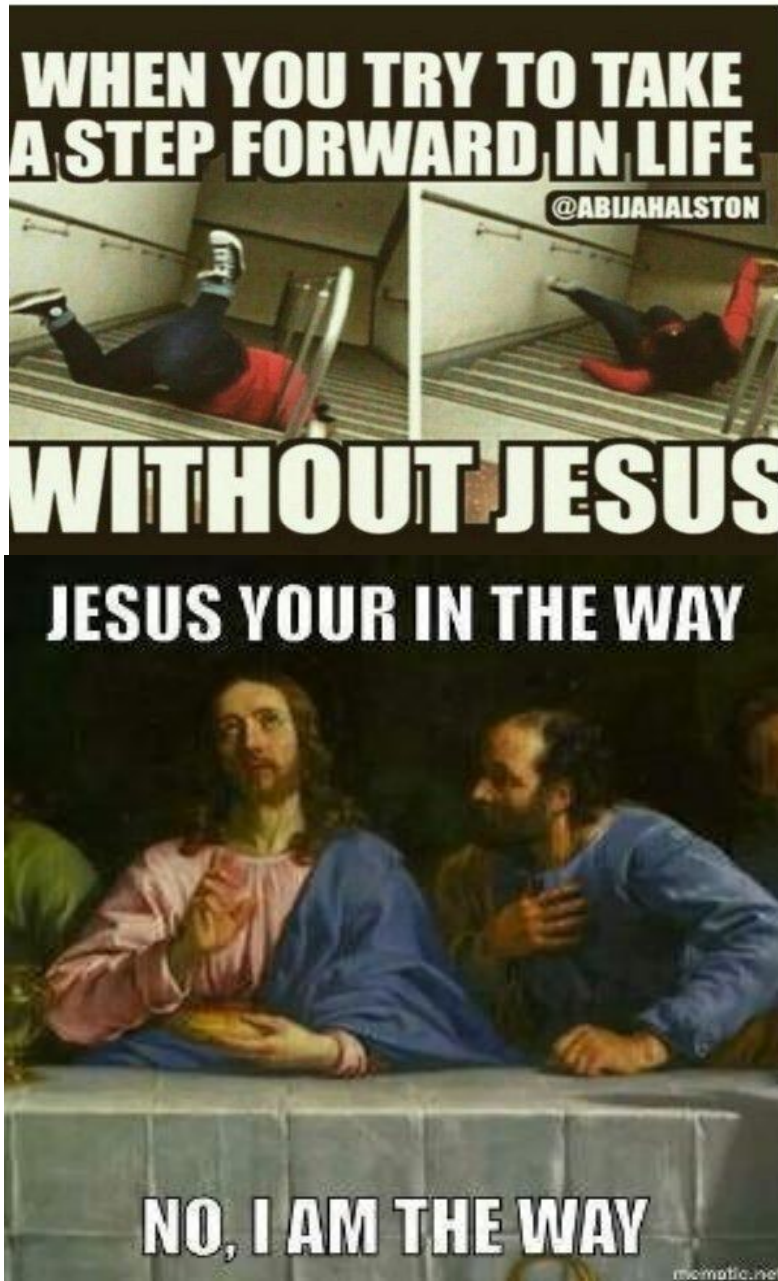
When a popular evangelist held a conference in our town, I volunteered to serve as an usher in the large auditorium. On a Friday evening, a lone woman slipped into my third-deck section. As the worship music started, her face radiated her love for the Lord, and I sensed that she was at the conference for a specific reason.

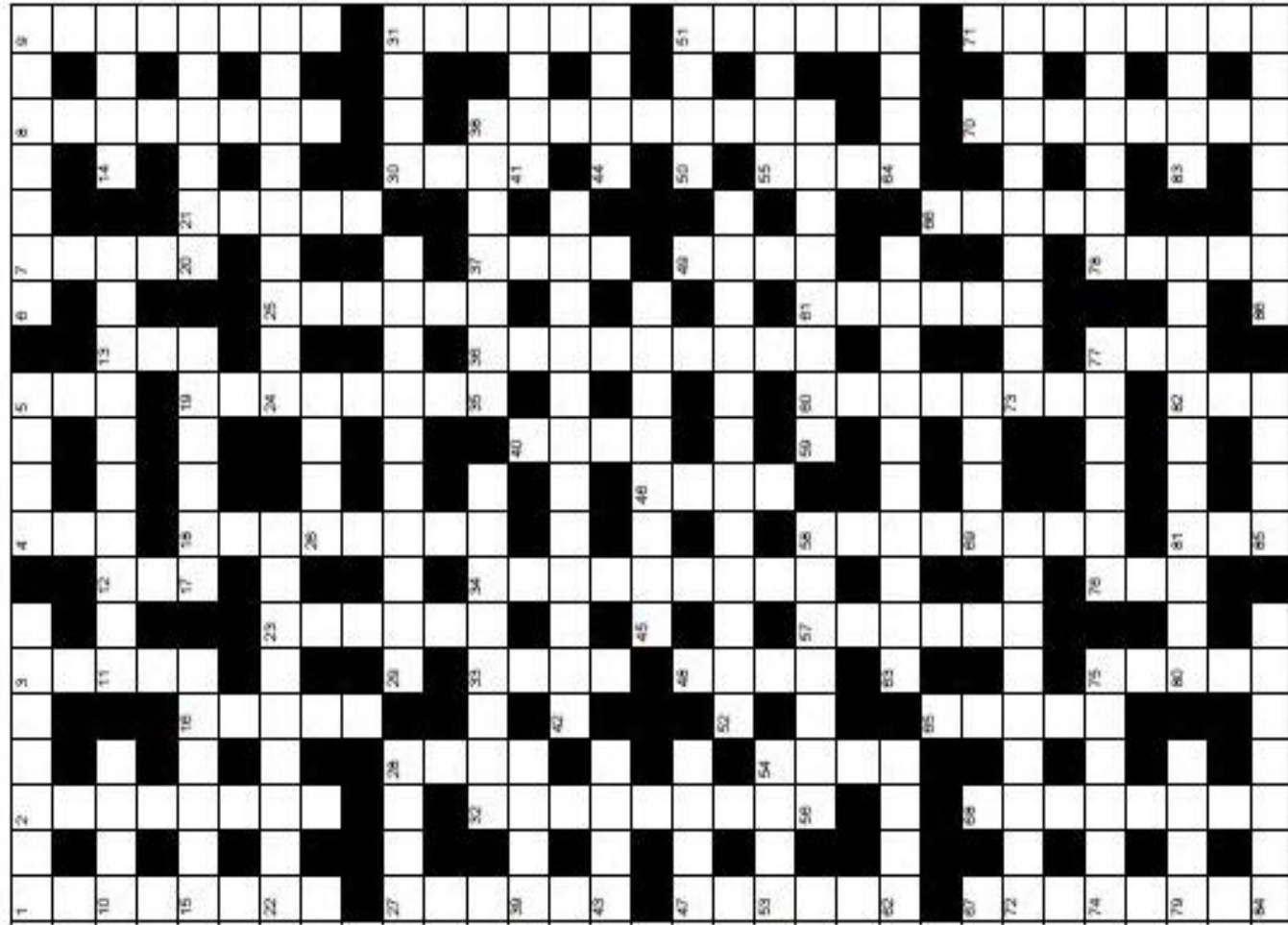
Watching her, I felt a nudging in my spirit to give her a word of encouragement. *She doesn't know anything about me – and she'll think I'm crazy*, I thought. Nevertheless, I prayed, “yes, Lord.”

Stepping towards her, I trusted God to give me the words to say-words that soon washed over her like healing rain. Moved to tears, she thankfully embraced me.

I never learned that lady's name, but her face is forever etched in my mind. When I think of her and those precious moments, I'm reminded of the blessedness of simple obedience.

Father God, help me to hear Your still, small voice. And give me the courage to boldly answer Your call without question. I stand before You, a vessel willing to be used for righteous purposes – and thank you for using me in spite of my imperfections. In Jesus name, amen.





- Across**
- 1 Retaliation (7)
 - 4 Phoenician trading center (4)
 - 6 Not fixed (7)
 - 10 Word written on a wall (4)
 - 11 Fruit bearing plant (6,4)
 - 14 Urgent request (4)
 - 15 Place of worship (6)
 - 17 Where the Syrian army was made blind (6)
 - 20 Climb (6)
 - 22 Instruction (9)
 - 24 Splendid (9)
 - 26 Work hard (4)
 - 27 Unable to speak (4)
 - 29 Tattler (10)
 - 30 One who raised Cain (4)
 - 32 Stains (archaic) (8)
 - 35 A disciple in Rome (7)
 - 39 Came to an end (4)
 - 41 Number of lepers who did not return to thank Jesus (4)
 - 42 Old Testament ritual (4,8)
 - 43 Burrowing mammal (4)
 - 44 Refuse (4)
 - 45 Hold back (8)
 - 47 Verse writer (4)
 - 50 Pesky insect (4)
 - 52 Sources of rivers and streams (12)
 - 53 Slimy gastropod (4)
 - 55 Mix (4)
 - 56 Have an inspiration? (7)
 - 59 One of the openings in the walls of Jerusalem (4,4)
 - 62 Attracted (4)
 - 63 A remnant of the Amorites (10)
 - 64 Bones (4)
 - 69 Likewise (4)
 - 72 Governor (9)
 - 73 Reinstates (archaic) (9)
 - 74 Reflexive pronoun, third person singular (6)
 - 76 Help (6)
 - 78 Persian queen (6)
 - 79 Retain (4)
 - 80 Can a camel pass through one? (7,3)
 - 83 Snakes (4)
 - 84 Suffered (7)
 - 85 Middle of the day (4)
 - 86 English translator of the Bible (7)

- Down**
- 1 Forgave (8)
 - 2 Poisonous (8)
 - 3 Fruit of the vine (5)
 - 4 Couple (3)
 - 5 Consume (3)
 - 7 Last letter (5)
 - 8 Had faith (8)
 - 9 Praises (archaic) (8)
 - 12 Daft (3)
 - 13 Fled (3)
 - 16 Ananias and Sapphira for example (5)
 - 18 Balm (8)
 - 19 Field of blood (8)
 - 21 Psalms interjection (5)
 - 23 Babe (6)
 - 25 The cross-bearer of Christ, Simon, came from this city (6)
 - 27 Crown (6)
 - 28 Shiny on top, like Elishai (4)
 - 30 Prayer's end (4)
 - 31 Woe (6)
 - 32 Prince of the devils (9)
 - 33 Bound (4)
 - 34 Respects (archaic) (9)
 - 36 Hell (9)
 - 37 Yearn (4)
 - 38 Member of an Israeli tribe (9)
 - 40 From a great distance (4)
 - 46 Charge (4)
 - 47 Went by (6)
 - 48 Site of Jesus' first miracle (4)
 - 49 King of the Amalekites (4)
 - 51 Birth place of the apostle Paul (6)
 - 54 Got bigger (4)
 - 55 Celestial body (4)
 - 57 There were twelve of them in Israel (6)
 - 58 Precious stones (8)
 - 60 Biblical animals of great strength (8)
 - 61 These people were among the Gentiles (6)
 - 65 Seat (5)
 - 66 False gods (5)
 - 67 Spray (8)
 - 68 A successful journey (8)
 - 70 This place had a pool and five porches (8)
 - 71 Sanctimonious person (8)
 - 75 Palisade (5)
 - 76 Cutting tool (3)
 - 77 Part of foot (3)
 - 78 Each (5)
 - 81 A son of Jacob (3)
 - 82 Transgression (3)

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