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Daily Devotion: Chocolate Pills

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A study is being launched by a Harvard subsidiary, to learn if cocoa nutrients, packed into a pill, will improve people's health. This is according to a story in Monday's Quincy Herald-Whig from AP news agency. The test will tell if the nutrients help improve health in the areas of blood pressure, cholesterol, and more. Participants will take the pills for four years before their bodies are studied for results. To many of us, four years seems like a lengthy period of time to wait for the results of a study. That's the way it often is in life. We do things now that will affect the future. My children can enjoy sitting in shade, tomorrow, from the large oak tree I plant as a sapling, today. I will never enjoy it, but they will. And today, I do good things and I try not to do bad things, with the hope I may someday enjoy the shade of heaven. "Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like?...It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches." (Luke [13:18,19](#)).

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Hanger of HOPE Clothing Give Away

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Hanger of HOPE Clothing Give Away

Written by

Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor

Dexter, Missouri – Ladies and gentlemen it's time to clean out those closets! Bring your gently used clothes to the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church on Dexter on Sunday, April 6th from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Hangers of Hope will host a clothing give away is open to the public and will be held on Monday, April 7th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 8th from 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Please bring all sizes of clothing for adults, youth, and children. If possible, please put YOUTH or ADULT sizes on hangers and CHILDREN'S sizes should be folded by size. This will help the volunteers with sorting and distributing the clothing.

Why do these ladies have this event, well it is simple. They want to share with others. Those who can't afford new clothes and those who may have recently lost a few pounds or perhaps someone who is looking for a career change or even an special outfit to wear. It's a great way to give back to your community and give to those who could use our help.

If you would like more information or need help with donating, please contact Tracy Hedrick at 820-2112 or Diane Mitchell at 625-0077. These ladies appreciate all that you do for the community and this event has been a tremendous success!

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Daily Devotion: The Great Exaggeration

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Daily Devotion: The Great Exaggeration

*Submitted by
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“I never get to go anywhere.”

“He always gets to do that.”

“I never get to do that .

Sound familiar? It does if you have kids. Kids are masters at exaggeration when trying to manipulate us into giving them what they want?

We adults never do that - no,

“If I’ve told you once, I’ve told you a thousand times.”

“I’ve had it with you, you are going to spend the next month in your room.”

“If that happens again, I swear, I’ll take them to court.”

Maybe all kinds of people of all ages embellish for effect.

An occasional exaggeration is probably not sinful enough to cause us to lose our salvation, but our Lord would prefer we not do so.

The Word tells us to “let our “yeses be yeses” and our “no’s be no’s”, but sometimes we push the truth envelope into overstatement, and that’s not pleasing to the Creator.

Our God wants us to just tell it like it is.

“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self.”

–Col.3:9,10

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Daily Devotion: God's Phone Number

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In smaller towns when I was growing up, local doctors listed their telephone numbers in phone books in case one of their patients needed them urgently after office hours. It's not that way so much anymore. Many doctors don't list their phone numbers, and it's understandable for them not to do so. They need down time and sleep to be able to thoroughly examine patients before prescribing treatment, so they tend not to list their numbers.

But thankfully, our God has his number listed. His landline number is Psalm 50:15, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." His cell number is: Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Our Creator would have us list our numbers too. He would have us do so in the sense of our being available and approachable to those in need.

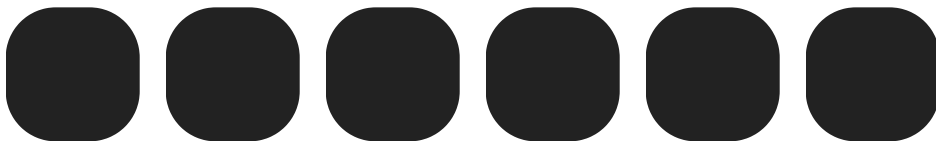
"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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GOD'S NOT DEAD - The Movie

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GOD'S NOT DEAD - The Movie

*Submitted By Local
Community Church Leadership*

How far would you go...to defend your belief in God?

College freshman and devout Christian Josh Wheaton (Shane Harper) finds his faith challenged by the dogmatic and argumentative Professor Radisson (Kevin Sorbo), a philosophy teacher who requires his students to disavow, in writing, the existence of God on the first day of class, or face a failing grade. The other students in the class begin scribbling the words "God Is Dead" on pieces of paper. Josh refuses to write the words and Professor Radisson assigns him a daunting task – to prove the existence of God over the course of three short class presentations. If Josh's argument fails to convince his classmates of God's existence, he will fail.

Though he had been warned about Professor Radisson's distaste for Christians when he signed up for the class, Josh quickly realizes the gravity of the situation, and finds himself having to choose between his faith and his future. He wonders if he can really fight for what he believes. Can he actually *prove* the existence of God? Or will he fail and risk more than just a failing grade?

GOD'S NOT DEAD features a talented cast of actors including Kevin Sorbo (SOUL SURFER, HERCULES, ANDROMEDA), Shane Harper (GOOD LUCK CHARLIE, HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2), David A.R.

White (EVENING SHADE, SIX, JERUSALEM COUNTDOWN), and Dean Cain (LOIS & CLARK: THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN), with special appearances by Christian super-band Newsboys and DUCK DYNASTY'S Willie and Korie Robertson.

Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman wrote the film. It was directed by Harold Cronk and produced by Elizabeth Travis, David A.R. White, Michael Scott, and Russell Wolfe. GOD'S NOT DEAD was co-produced by Lisa Arnold and Jarred Coates and executive produced by Trey Duhon and Robert Katz.

GOD'S NOT DEAD was shot on location at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA and also in Houston, TX at the Reliant Arena during a live Newsboys concert event.

Weaving together many stories

GOD'S NOT DEAD weaves together stories from multiple characters with perspectives on faith, doubt and disbelief, and culminates in a dramatic call to action: if you believe God's *not dead*, prove it. The film opens with a glimpse into four main storylines: Josh, Martin (Paul Kwo) and Ayisha (Hadeel Sittu) are registering for class on a college campus; Amy (Trisha LaFache) leaves for work to find that her car has been broken into and calls on her boyfriend Mark (Dean Caine) for help; Mina (Cory Oliver), a Christian, and girlfriend to atheist Professor Radisson, is spending time with her mother who has dementia; and Pastor Dave (David A.R. White) runs into trouble while picking up a friend from the airport

SPECIAL NEED: PLEASE RESPOND!!

For those of you who have not heard of this movie, check out the God's Not Dead website and trailer at <http://godsnotdeadthemovie.com/>.

A large local group of Church leadership and youth leaders have joined together to attempt to bring the viewing of this movie to our local area theater. Otherwise, we are forced to travel as far away as Jonesboro, Arkansas to see God's Not Dead. Not only is that inconvenient, it does not

offer the exposure of this great film to those in our community.

But your help is needed to make certain this happens. The local Dexter Twin Cinema management is working closely with the group show this movie. But the organizers need a few things from you to determine if this is possible.

 is movie! Please go to the Facebook Event page that the SMT has created for this event and say that you will attend. **THIS IS IMPORTANT** if the theater is willing to offer the movie. **CLICK HERE!!!**

2) Share this with your friends and ask them to respond on the event page.

This will be the quickest way to help the organizers make this happen. YOUR attendance and willingness to support this endeavor is the key. But the group needs to know now. ***Time is running out so please "Act Now"!!!*** (Remember **CLICK HERE** and show your support by saying you will attend the event.)

If you are a Church and wish to get involved, please contact Josh Miller (joshuam@firstcb.net), Josh Hester (pastorjoshhester@gmail.com), Loyd Rice (loyd@newwavecomm.net), Greg McGhee (glmcghee@gmail.com), or Nick Roe (Im.nickroe@gmail.com). You can also contact the ShowMe Times at **info@showmetimes.com**.

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