

June 21, 2019

Warm hellos to you dear brethren, and spiritual family here on the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and scattered children of God.

My wife and I pray and hope this finds you all doing well, and that again your week has been blessed!

We Will Not Fail

“High failure towering o’er low success” ...I believe it was English novelist and traveler Alec Waugh’s father that was said to have penned these words...sometime in the 1880’s in a prize winning poem at Oxford.

I’ve at times meditated and pondered on these words, and mused on their meaning to us as Christians and Children of God.

These words are a constant reminder that failure on a massive scale is an even keener spur than the immediate rewards of often routine success.

Out of these few words come many images: The Spartans dying at Thermopylae, brave men trying to scale Mt. Everest, Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, or perhaps Ciltépetl and Iztaccíhuatl, in Mexico...Woodrow Wilson fighting for one world at Versailles...the evacuation of Dunkirk...and the many men and women who died in battle giving their lives for the country you and I live in.

I’m reminded of Hebrews 11 where the list of our spiritual family members is lengthy, not yet having received the promise.

Ah yes, even the recently celebrated Memorial Day here in the U.S. is often quickly skimmed over in haste to focus on the days business and/or cookouts and fun. The men and women who gave their lives for “freedom” are soon forgotten.

All are well known examples of men and women struggling to draw upon reserves that they lacked, and they are a noble tribute to the dignity of the human race, a keener incentive to higher endeavor, than the laurels of a triumph of the past.

We’ve seen the central squares of Europe and other countries, littered with the statues of generals, admirals, and statesmen whose titles and deeds many have forgotten. But still alive in memory are the men and women who attempted more than they could carry out, and left unfinished work that their successors completed in the years ahead.

I think again of the men and women of Hebrews 11, giving their lives in faithful service to God, knowing ultimately that their reward is great, and they did not fail in the ultimate sense.

Too often my friends, we are tempted by the effortless and easy thing. That's just too much work or too difficult we say. At such moments raise your sights, look to our Creator, think big, attempt something difficult, even if in this life you do not quite bring it off...

"High failure towering o'er low success". These six words, at moments of hesitation, have echoed in my memory---a warning, and inspiration, and a challenge at times.

We know, as God's children, if we grow not weary in well doing, that we shall faint not...but we must be about that well doing, permitting Christ to live in us and realize alas, in this physical life this is not all there is...and ultimately, we will not fail! God's Kingdom is coming, that's a promise too that will not fail.

...as I close this letter, as I do every Friday evening...as we enter His Sabbath...reflect on this with me, will you?

And again, may God continue to richly bless you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you daily! Please do pray for us as well.

-*Scott and Gayle Hoefker* (Pastor and wife, The Living God Ministries Gulf Coast)

The schedule for this week's Sabbath is:

June 21st / Friday: Gifts for the Lord/ Praises/Gifts and Prayers to welcome God's Sabbath
7:00 pm (via Teleconference live connect)

June 22nd / Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services 10:15 am, with local services held in Montgomery. All others are welcomed and encouraged to connect live to Worship Services via our normal phone conference. ***There will be no local services in Spanish Fort due to the Hoefkers traveling out of state.**

June 22nd / Saturday: Sabbath Fellowship Study (Interactive Bible Discussion) **4:00 pm** from Montgomery with Stephen Glover (connect live with all others via telephone conference).

Upcoming dates for TLGM Gulf Coast:

June 28th / Friday: Gifts for the Lord/ Praises/Gifts and Prayers to welcome God's Sabbath
7:00 pm (via Teleconference live connect with Stephen Glover in Montgomery)

June 29th / Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services 10:15 am, with local services held in Spanish Fort. (All are welcome and encouraged to connect live to Worship Services via our normal phone conference). There will be no morning services in Montgomery as there will be combined fellowship of LGM/CGI in Montgomery @ 1:00 p.m..

June 29th / Saturday: Sabbath Fellowship (interactive Bible Discussion) 4:00 pm *from* Spanish Fort with Scott Hoefker (connect live to all others via telephone conference).

* Please rsvp with my wife, Gayle if you plan on attending here in Spanish Fort on **June 29th** to facilitate planning.

Telephone Ministry (English): Call **1-712-770-4700**; then, when asked, enter Code **112165 #** to join.
(Note: All callers are muted and must press *6 to comment and *6 to resume mute.)

Our Daily Bread Recordings

Sunday through Saturday / Our Daily Bread [listen anytime 24/7 to a recorded 15 minute message] Call 1-712-770-4709 (note this call in number is different and ends in "9"), then when asked, enter code 112165# [reference code numbers are on "Spiritual Fellowship Opportunities" on this website <http://www.tlgministriesgc.org> or at "Resources/Archives" on <http://www.haggai114.net>]

Daily Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday – Friday / **Morning Sacrifice** (Prayers & Scripture Reading) at 6:00 a.m.
Sundays / **History & Background of the Gospels** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Scott & Friends]
Mondays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Glovers & Moses]
Almond Branch Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) (Stephen & Friends)
Tuesdays / **Haggai Fellowship** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) [Stephen & Friends]
Wednesdays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Glovers & Moses]
1st & 3rd Wednesday / **Sons of God Fellowship** (Young men training) at 6:30 p.m. [Stephen & Friends]
2nd & 4th Wednesday / **Lydian's Fellowship** (Ladies) at 6:30 p.m. [Esther/Gayle & Friends]
Thursdays / **Mt. Carmel Fellowship** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Hoefkers & Friends]

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