




TEMPLE BIBLE CHURCH
3205 Oakview Drive
Temple, Texas 76502

Service Times:
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

"Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples." John 15:8



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Out to Lunch First Wednesday 12-1:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5	6 "Apples of Gold" Introduction 9:30-12:30	7	8	9 Last day of Bible Study	10 Scrap n Chat 6:30-11:30 pm Psalm 34:8	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 RSVP for "Hearts Cry"	29	30 "Hearts Cry" 11 am-Noon Chapel		

Blessings from Sarah...

Have you ever felt inadequate for something? We've all been there. Perhaps it's a new job or a specific task, and you wonder if you'll have what it takes. It could be the feelings of inadequacy often expressed by women who are expecting their first child. They wonder, *will I be a good mother?* Or perhaps you've recently discovered an illness and are not sure you have the strength to battle through it. Hardships in ministry, the deployment of a spouse to a hazardous area, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, etc—the list goes on and on. So what do we do when we're up against something that we feel completely inadequate to face?

The apostle Paul expressed his hope in the midst of feeling weak in 2 Cor. 12:7-10. He speaks of a "thorn in the flesh" that continually made him feel helpless. We are not told exactly what Paul was up against. However, we are told in verse 9 God's response to Paul's feelings of helplessness and challenge: "And [the Lord] has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness'."

Regardless of what we are facing or how inadequate we may feel, Christ has promised that His grace is sufficient for us in every situation! Lamentations 3:22-24 reminds us, "The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I have hope in Him.'"

Not only is a new supply of His grace available to us every morning, but He promises that He will display His power through our weaknesses. Feeling inadequate for a task is an opportunity to throw ourselves onto the grace and strength of Christ and watch Him work! When we recognize our own weakness, it is then that He can display His power on our behalf.

So what was Paul's response to all of this? I believe it should be our response as well.

He says, "Most gladly therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong" (vs. 9b-10).

Blessings,

Sarah

Melodious Moments...

When people get married, they often go to the department store and make selections to create a gift registry. Looking back, my biggest selection regret would be the fine china. I hesitate to make that statement, because there are several people who spent a lot of money to provide me with what I thought I *HAD* to have. I spent what seemed like days agonizing over what pattern to select. Now, over twenty-one years later, it is that very china that is teaching me a life lesson.

The truth is that we really don't get our money's worth out of our fine china. At best we use it once or twice a year? Fine china is high maintenance often requiring hand washing and gentle handling. And then there is the storage space needed. Some actually have a piece of furniture specifically designed for storing and displaying their china.

I realize now I should have thought more about my "everyday ware"—given that name because we see it every day . . . often more than once a day. This is the selection that really has an impact on my daily dining experience.

Why all this talk about fine china and everyday ware? Throughout Scripture, God uses the analogy of the potter and his clay. Romans 9:21 talks about the right of the potter to make from the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use. Clearly he has a place for fine-china Christians, but I believe his greatest work is done through his everyday vessels.

So I'll ask you (along with myself), what kind of Christian are you? Are you one that is willing to be used for any purpose . . . everyday ministry? Or have you put yourself in the china cabinet . . . nice to look at but not very practical and often needing special handling or position?

Throughout the pages of scripture you will find everyday ware, designed by God and then used mightily by him to accomplish his purposes. Don't miss out on the way he wants to daily use you!

Blessings,

Melody

Praying God's Word

1. Cindy Young-Out To Lunch Coordinator
2. Anne Graham Lotz & "Just Give Me Jesus" Revival
3. Nancey Ingram-Widow's Study Leader
4. TBC Missionaries
5. Women's Bible Studies
6. Giving Thanks Morning and Night-Psalm 92:1-4
7. Colleen Palmer-Apples of Gold Co-Leader
8. Pastoral Staff
9. Melody Euler-WM Asst. Director
10. Gary & Bev DeSalvo-our Pastor & his wife
11. Easter Service at Expo Center & all who attend
12. Linda Myers-Apples of Gold Co-Leader
13. Kim Johnson-Fresh Elastic Study Leader
14. Beth Mackey-WM Director
15. Carol Lynch-CTL Food Pantry Coordinator
16. Elaine Fish-Scrap 'N Chat Coordinator

17. Deployed Troops/Families
18. Administrative Staff
19. Prayer for Spiritual wisdom-Eph. 1:16-17
20. Delight in God's Love-Psalm 36:5-8
21. TBC Mission's Committee
22. Jamie Coffield-Mercy Team Coordinator
23. Elaine Fish "Satisfy My Thirsty Soul" Study Leader
24. Debbie Rodriguez-WM Administrative Asst.
25. Families of Pastoral Staff
26. Grace Bible Church-Sister Church in Harker Heights
27. Those in our church who formally counsel others
28. Anne Graham Lotz & "Just Give Me Jesus" Revival
29. April Smith-King's Kids Coordinator
30. Those serving in other ministries