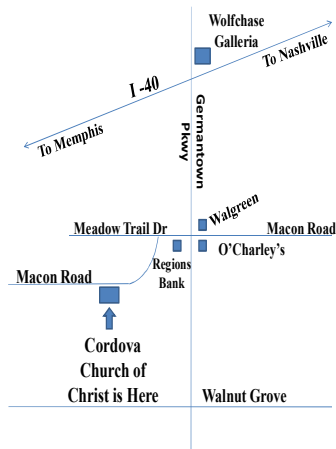


The Cordova Connector

...Connecting our community to Christ

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Romans 16:16



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Connecting to Life

I just spent \$43.87...

I just spent \$43.87 at the dollar store. How could I spend so much money at a place where things cost only one dollar? I went in to buy paper cups and craft sticks for a church project plus Spanish moss and pretty gift bags, if they had any.

Turns out the store had all of these things—and much more. Like this cool nail file that has green sparkly flowers on one side. Paper towels, sunglasses, a magazine that's only slightly out-of-date. Chewing gum. I even found a darling yellow hat for my granddaughter. And this purple pill organizer that lets me put all my supplements for the week in one place.

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Connecting to Jesus

First Friday, Then Sunday, and Finally Monday

It was on Friday when...

Jesus prayed in Gethsemane.
Judas betrayed his Friend.
Jewish officials conspired to arrest Jesus under the cover of darkness.
Jesus was abandoned by His disciples.
Jesus was denied by Peter.
When Jesus was mocked, beaten, stripped of His clothing, and crucified.
Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb.

If one were to stop there, he could conclude defeat. But Friday wasn't the end of the story. Sunday came.

And on Sunday...

Jesus rose from the dead.
He appeared to His disciples.
There was great joy.

But that was Sunday. I can understand the great joy the disciples must have felt: Utter amazement to be standing in His presence once again. What could possibly stop them?

But now, here's my question. What did those disciples do when they woke up on Monday? The answer is they pursued the kingdom agenda with reckless abandon. They sold their possessions, they spoke of Jesus in the marketplace, and they willingly laid down their lives for Him.

Friends, we live in "Monday." Friday and Sunday have come and gone, and here we are in Monday. Will we allow the events of "Friday" and "Sunday" to shape our "Monday?" Will we with the same reckless abandon serve the Lord at any cost? The hope the resurrection gives us today is the same hope it gave those early disciples, so should we not live our "Monday" with the same excitement and jubilation as did they? Give it some thought.

—Steve Higginbotham, Knoxville, Tennessee

Connecting to Life continued ...

Wait. I'm beginning to see how I could spend \$43.87 at the dollar store. I did it one dollar at a time. Little things tend to add up. A cookie here, some ice cream there—a pair of jeans that won't zip. A week too busy for devotional reading, a day so crowded that there's no time for exercise, an evening when one TV show turns into hours spent staring at the tube—then I wonder why I'm feeling sluggish, physically and spiritually.

But it works in a positive way too. One little act of kindness, one smile at a hassled clerk, one card sent to brighten someone's day—and the world doesn't seem as hostile, as hopeless. So here's to little things. Well managed, they can have big results.

—Mary Lou Carney, via KneEmail, Mike Benson, editor

"For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee . . ."
Genesis 30:30

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Connecting to God's Word

Read Matthew 6.

1. Why did Jesus teach His disciples to pray?
2. Think about one way you can improve your prayer life.
3. Of all the problems of the world, what problem do you think saddens God the most?
4. List two examples of hypocritical behavior that Jesus described.
5. List one thing that about which you consistently worry.
6. What is Jesus' solution to worry and anxiety?
7. Write one action step you will take based upon today's reading.

Connecting to His Church

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Tuesday morning Bible study during the school year!

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	1:00 P. M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
(Attended nursery at all services)	

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