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say... "Not enough." We reset, refocus, and repent before God.

Our time with meditation is no different. The same can be said of our reflection on God's word, or his creation.

But why "Today?" Do we look that much more spiritually haggard? Are we that different than the day before?

Scripture addresses this to the people of God repetitively. *Today, while it is still called today...* Now is the time to act. The Hebrew writer's point was that sin was deceitful, its impact is a hardened heart.

Resets are amazing things. The turn arounds that offer us refreshing and rekindling of the spirit can breathe new life into old bones. Prayers become new. Determination becomes solidified. Hope springs anew.

How do we reset? By gazing at that reflection in the mirror and truly seeing ourselves. Not harshly critical, but as our own best friend. *"Buddy, you can do better than this."* Then acting to assist in the change.

Today, if you harden not your hearts....

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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The Day Is At Hand

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May 20, 2018

Today, I trimmed my beard. I am not sure why today instead of yesterday, but today was the day. I looked in the mirror and thought, "That is too long, it needs a trim."

I looked in the same mirror yesterday, but did not feel the compulsion. Do you suppose my beard grew enough overnight that suddenly it reached this point of no return? I don't think so.

I remember looking in the mirror after a shower when I washed my hair and beard and seeing ringlets in my beard, but that was earlier in the week and didn't prompt my looking for the trimmer. We trimmed trees from the fence and yard, hauling off a few trailers of limbs, hot dirty work, but I never thought, "Thin the beard."

There is a point, a tipping point, when we decide enough is enough and are prompted to act. It is that moment of introspection, a gaze into the reflection of ourselves when we determine to see something different in the future.

Spiritually we are like that as well. We move along, perfunctory prayer life; meals... bedtime... with an occasional emergency prayer, but nothing deep and meaningful, no true interaction at the feet of God. One day, looking at the reflection of the man in the mirror, we

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
 Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
 Worship Service—10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)

ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
 George Shelton, Tom Turner

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril

TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR MAY 20, 2018

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon
 GATHERING SONG: No. 54—We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
 WELCOME: Richard Breensing
 SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:11,12 (Chase Mansel)
 SONGS: No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
 No. 813—Jesus, Meek and Gentle
 No. 259—When This Passing World is Done
 PRAYER: Chris Mansel
 SONG: No. 373—A Hill Called Mount Calvary
 COMMUNION: Teddy Gingrich
 Clint Kinnamon
 Orrin Feril
 Fred Johnson
 MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril (Romans 13:11-12)
 SONG: No. 916—What a Day That Will Be
 LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
 SONG: No. 944—What Shall It Be? (vs 3)
 PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

May 29-31 @ 6:30 pm

Family Picnic—June 1st @ 6:00 pm



It won't be long before VBS begins! Preparations continue to be made on Wednesday evenings. The theme is "I Work for God" and Legos will be used throughout the lessons and activities. YOUR HELP is needed for each day — please sign up to help during VBS on one of the large yellow sheets hanging in the fellowship room. Let Pam know if you can help with Friday's meal. We also plan to have a float in the St John Jubilee parade this Saturday, May 26th at 1:30 pm—kids are needed to ride!

'Circles' Supper

Thank you to those who helped serve the meal at the Circles meeting last week; a thank-you card is posted from the group who was there.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gerry & Lupe Hudson—May 20
 Tom & Pam Turner—May 26

MISSION UPDATE

A new email from Ubaldo Cardona is posted, updating us on their efforts in Parral, Chihuahua

EASTWOOD SUMMER SERIES

The Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson will start a Wednesday evening summer series on June 6th, with guest speakers from various locations. A schedule is posted.

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - in the hospital in Pratt with pneumonia
David Sizemore (Ben & Hannah's dad) - moved out of ICU and greatly improved; hoping to come home this week
Kaylee Welch Brown (Debbie Welch's daughter) - in Rehab in Dallas
Lowell Dell (Cindy Kinnamon's brother) - brain injury; slowly improving
Ashton Line—(student at Ingalls) - doing some better
Gayle Sears (Marla's friend) breast cancer; chemo
Kim Staub—Parkinson's
Diane Campbell—MS
Jim Walton (Stafford) - throat cancer
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry & Linda Welch's daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) - Emphysema
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rukan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza

ST JOHN Pre-K GRADUATION

May 17



Maxx
 Mara
 JJ
 Harper