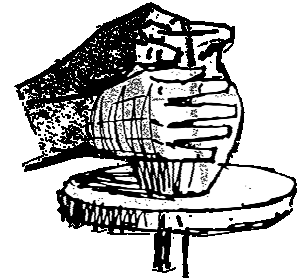


# His Workmanship Westside

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”*  
—Ephesians 2:10



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Isaiah 64:8

## What Did Jairus's Daughter See in Her Father? by Arlen Payne

Jairus came to Jesus on behalf of his sick daughter, who was dying, Mt 9:18, 23-26; Mk 5:22-24, 35-43; Lk 8:40-42, 49-56. He was a “ruler of the synagogue.” That means he oversaw the daily operations of the synagogue, arranged the services, probably cleaned it, locked and unlocked it, made sure the scrolls were in place—in short, he took care of the building as its custodian. But he also chose who would read the Scriptures and who would speak. He was well known and much respected in the community. He had possibly heard Jesus speak in the synagogue at Capernaum.

He was also a dad—a dad who was deeply concerned for his little girl. We do not know his daughter's name, but we know Jairus as a father who took action on behalf of his girl.

What do you suppose she saw in her dad? She probably saw his prominence in the community. She might have thought of him as old fashioned and out of touch (like many teenage daughters see their fathers). But three things she must have seen. She saw a father who loved her, and:

**1. he was not ashamed to seek Jesus.** “There came a man,” Lk 8:41.

**A.** Notice that he didn't come in the dark of night as Nicodemus had done.

Many people saw him there. He had come in his deep need, because his daughter was sick. It is a hard thing for a father to see his children suffer. He sought the Savior's help on her behalf. He came in humility, knowing that he could do nothing to save his daughter. Jairus was unashamed of his need, and he stepped up without reservation, fell down at Jesus's feet, and earnestly begged Jesus for help, Mk 5:22-23.

**B.** Notice the Jairus went himself. He did not send his wife. He did not send one of the other children (if there were any). He didn't send a servant. He went to Jesus Himself. He took responsibility for his child's welfare.

Oh, that fathers today would seek Jesus without shame—that they would take their priestly responsibilities in the home to lead their families to love God! Our nation is in the mess it's in because fathers are out seeking golf balls instead of God on Sunday morning. They send the wife and kids to church. Oh, that they would seek Jesus without reservation—that they would seek Him boldly!

What a difference it would make if our Fathers would seek Jesus.

**2. he was not ashamed to bring Jesus to the house.** **A.** “...he fell

down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,” Lk 8:41. As Jesus went, v. 42, the whole crowd joined Him and Jairus on the way to the ruler's house. Can you imagine that phone call? “Honey, everyone is coming over to the house.” Oh, that God would give us fathers who would bring Jesus to the house—men who would stand like Joshua and declare to the world, “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” Josh 24:15!

Oh, that God would give us men who would lead their families in prayer at the table (not just relegate the responsibility to the kids)—men who would lead their families in Bible study, fathers who would invite Jesus into their households by reading His word, dads who would bring Jesus into their homes by leading them to worship.

Dad, do you want to bless your family? Lead them in heartfelt prayer at your next meal (you will grow a taller in their eyes). Persist in having a family worship time—just 5 minutes a day will be a wonderful start!

**B.** “While Jesus spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.’” Mt 9:18. Fathers, let your

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## “They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You, and were not ashamed.” —Psalm 22:5

children see you honor and worship the Lord at home and when meeting with other Christians. Let your children worship with you—bring them to worship together with you, don’t just “send them to church.” Let them see that you put Jesus first in your life, that you make worship and Bible study a priority. Let your kids see you honor the Lord by taking them to worship and Bible study, by reading His word, by praying, by living for Him. Oh, that God would give us fathers who would invite Jesus to their house!

**3. he was not ashamed to put the welfare of his child in the hands of Jesus. A.** Jesus had been interrupted on his way to Jairus’s house by the woman with the issue of blood. There is no sign of the father being impatient with the interruption—and no blaming

of Jesus or the woman when he found out his daughter had died. When Jairus got the news from a servant that his daughter was dead, he didn’t dismiss the Lord; instead, He gave her into His care. We need fathers who trust the Lord like this—without impatience, without blame, but content to rely on Jesus for the next move.

**B.** Look what Jesus said: *“Do not be afraid; only believe,”* Lk 8:50. Trust God. God had a plan. It was God’s plan that this little 12-year-old girl live. *“She will be made well,”* v. 50. Jairus completely put his daughter in the hands of God’s care, just as Jesus committed Himself to His Father’s trust, 1 Pet 2:23.

We must trust that God has a plan for us and for our children. Like Abraham (and Hannah), we must be willing

to sacrifice our children on the altar of God’s plan and not our own. We need fathers who will dedicate their children to the Lord, who will lead their children to seek God’s will for their lives.

*“Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass,”* Ps 37:5. Oh, that God would give us fathers who would commit their children into the hands of Jesus!

Dads, what do your children see in you? Do they see a father who is not ashamed to seek the Lord? Do they see a father who is not ashamed to bring Jesus into his home? Do they see a father who prays for his children and commits them into the hands of the Lord? Blessed are children who have fathers like this. *“They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed,”* Ps 34:5. ....

### World’s Oldest Seed, by Mike Thomas

On January 25, 2005, a seed from a palm tree was planted in Israel which eventually grew to 14 inches tall with only 5 leaves. Not much to get excited about in terms of physical mass. But what made this palm tree unique was its seed, which had been discovered in excavations at King Herod’s palace on Mount Masada, near the Dead Sea. Through carbon dating testing, scientists were able to confirm the seed was 2,000 years old—making it “the oldest seed ever known to produce a viable young tree,” San Francisco Chronicle, June 12, 2005. This uniqueness led scientists to name the palm tree *Methuselah*, in honor of the oldest man to live. While scientists are to be commended for their discovery of the Methuselah Palm, they are incorrect in saying it is the oldest seed ever known to produce a plant. The Bible gives evidence of a much older seed with a much greater

fruit. *“The seed is the word of God,”* Lk 8:11. Peter said that Christians, in obeying the truth, have *“been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,”* 1 Pet 1:23. *“All flesh is as grass,”* he continued (in quoting Isaiah 40:6-8), *“and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you,”* vs. 24-25.

When we handle the word of God, we are handling the most important collection of thought ever assembled. Long before we came on the scene, the Bible was in the world revealing God’s mind to mankind. It contains writings that were read by Moses, David, Esther, Mordecai, Mary, Jesus, Paul, scribes, priests, tanners, lawyers, prisoners, slaves, kings. People who read from it a

thousand years ago are no longer part of the world’s conversation, but they are in eternity meeting consequences for how they handled the word of God. People not yet born will either be in heaven or hell for how they respond to this Book. Soon, we will join the countless souls who have been erased from time—as the blades of grass and petals of flowers that fade each year—but the word of God will still be. It endures forever. It’s been here longer than the Methuselah Palm...and will be here long after the Methuselah Palm is once again forgotten in time.

How carefully are you handling the eternal word of God, 2 Tim. 2:15? Is it the most important book in your life? Are you relying on it for eternal life and your relationship with the God of the universe? *“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls,”* Jas 1:21.



**Let your faith be seen in 2014**  
 "I rejoice to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."  
 —Colossians 2:5

**Giving to the Lord**, by Joe Price  
 God is not sustained by what we put in the collection plate. God wants our time, energy, and effort given to Him and the cause of righteousness, but His purposes will succeed even if we are not faithful, 2 Tim. 2:11-13. God does not need anything from us; we need everything from Him, Ax 17:24-25. Why, then, should I give anything to the Lord? Because giving to the Lord is for our benefit, for our good—it develops our generous attitude of heart and our faith in God. The giving of the poor widow set in contrast to the rich givers at the temple explains it well: "Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood,'" Mk 12:41-44.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**June 23-25**  
**9:15-11:45 am**  
**God Knows About Water**  
**Monday—Noah and the Flood**  
**Tuesday—Crossing the Red Sea**  
**Wednesday—Jonah and the Fish**  
 Register at [www.thechurchingolden.com/beliefs/westside-vbs](http://www.thechurchingolden.com/beliefs/westside-vbs) or see Tracy Corray or Kim Howell for information



## Discipleship Here At Home

Rich people put lots of money into the treasury, but their giving was "out of their abundance," v. 44. Jesus contrasted their giving with the widow's two coins. She gave "all that she had, her whole livelihood," and to God, her giving exceeded them all, v. 44. How can that be? Her giving reflected a heart of faith and thanksgiving that totally depended on the Lord. In contrast, the rich seemed untouched by their giving. They met all their financial obligations and funded their leisure. They put into the temple treasury what they had left over. Do we give like rich people or the widow? Perhaps a helpful way of determining this is to take a look at where we put giving on our financial priority list: food, shelter, clothing, transportation, taxes, health care, entertainment, recreation, savings, giving to the Lord. Like the widow's, our giving should reflect our total dependence upon the Lord. It should express a thankful, devoted heart that sacrifices in honor of God. Does it? When David was instructed by God to build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah, the owner offered to give it free to David. But David refused, saying, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing," 2 Sam 24:24. He understood that giving to the Lord was to be sacrificial. It is right to know that everything we have comes from God. But if our giving does not cost us something, how does it honor God and show faith in Him? Impoverished Macedonian Christians gave "beyond their ability" in order to help needy saints in Jerusalem. They did this because "they first gave themselves to the Lord," 2 Cor 8:1-5. God does not count the dollars we give; He considers the heart of the giver. Let us plan our giving based on personal faith and dedication to God and His purposes. Then our giving will be abundant and acceptable to God.

### PRAY FOR healing, protection, help, and comfort here and away

**Larry Campbell**—recovering from concussion  
**Mark Campbell**—recovering from seizure  
**Sarah Hadders**—broken foot  
**Ed Fink**—prostate cancer; current treatment for brain tumors  
**Giles Free**—seizure last month; confined at home  
**Sue Witherington, Brett's grandmother**—breast cancer has returned  
**Shirley Barrett, Rod Green's mother**—home from hospital for respiratory ailments  
**Nick Krausert, Szymanski's friend**—passed away last week; pray for Nick's wife Linda and their family  
**Rhonda Love, friend of Judy Strand**—terminal cancer; young mother studying with Jim & Vicki  
**Gregg Geis's friend Becky** in CA—terminal cancer; searching for the truth

### CHRONIC CONDITIONS

**Logan Corray; Rocco Sangellino Jr; Addison Tope; Christian Harrod; Pat Wilkes**—asthma  
**Bill Dennis**—heart issues  
**Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy; celiac disease  
**Danielle Huelsman**—vertigo, CV syndrome  
**Kirk Johnson**—worsening MS; needs quick meals to heat up, like soup  
**Menards**—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes, weak;  
**Virginia**, macular degeneration; high BP  
**Sandra Perry**—neuropathy from diabetes  
**Cheryl Reames**—diverticulitis; fibromyalgia  
**Nell Free**—pacemaker, heart; back pain  
**Judy Sartin**—spinal stenosis; arthritis  
**Judy and Mike Strand**—both beginning treatment for hepatitis  
**Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung weakness

**Bereaved Berney's mother, Ninfa Charo**, recently passed away. Let us lift up **Berney** and **Anita** at this time.

### Job concerns Linda Szymanski

**Travel** **K. Boyds** are in Omaha for baseball playoffs. **Pat Campbell** is visiting her father in AR. The **Parsons** are in KS; **Gintchins** visiting family in Bulgaria; **Lazar** will join them in 2 weeks but out of town weekends until then. **Sarah McMurray** is in LA for work until Sat. **Christine Adams** is out of town.

"One of the misfortunes of our time is that in getting rid of false shame we have killed off so much real shame as well."  
 —Louis Kronenberger



## Exposing current thoughts & trends

### **Nothing But Shame**, by Joe R. Price

As Judah approached the tipping point due to her sins against the Lord God, the prophet Jeremiah summed up her arrogance and God's judgment: "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their punishment they shall be cast down," says the LORD," Jer 8:12. Oblivious to shame and justifying her sin, Jerusalem plunged toward divine punishment.

June is officially regarded as Pride Month in the US, led by a president who continues to mainstream the homosexual agenda. For instance, this country has witnessed a dramatic reversal in the approval of same-sex marriage over the past 10 years. If you doubt this march over the cliff of immorality, consider this part of the "Presidential Proclamation of LGBT Pride Month, 2014": "As progress spreads from state to state, as justice is delivered in the courtroom, and as more of our fellow Americans are treated with dignity and respect—our nation becomes not only more accepting, but more equal as well. During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, we celebrate victories that have affirmed freedom and fairness, and we recommit ourselves to completing the work that remains.... My Administration proudly stands alongside all those who fight for LGBT rights.... Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people." One research firm (nerdwallet.com) recently ranked Seattle, WA, as the Most LGBT-Friendly City in America.

America has a justice system that is supposed to be blind (that is, fair and just treatment to every citizen under the law without regard to status, income, race). But that never meant there are no moral laws to be recognized and honored in order for our society to flourish. It is not prejudice to forthrightly affirm Bible principles of truth and moral purity and to call sinners of every kind (including homosexuals) to repentance, Mk 16:15-16; Ax 17:30-31. The Bible is clear: practicing homosexuality is sin against God and nature, Rm 1:24-27. It is sin against one's own body, Rm 1:27; 1 Cor 6:12-20, which should be the temple of God, the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is sin against one's neighbor, 1 Thes 4:3-7. It is sin against the kingdom of God, 1 Cor. 6:9-11. It brings the divine punishment of eternal fire upon every soul who practices it, Jude 7.

Pride Month? Shall we take pride in sin? No. June 2014 is "Shame Month" in America; that is what LGBT truly proclaims.



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## Assembly Schedule

### **Sunday**

Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

### **Wednesday**

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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### **Sunday morning:**

- **Adult Bible class, Inside Out, Growing a Spirit of Service, Lesson 9, "A Loving Spirit,"** Jeff Wilkes

- **Sermon, "Lessons for Fathers from Samuel,"** Jim Reingrover

### **Sunday afternoon:**

- **Sermon, "Laws of Motion Biblically Applied,"** Jim Reingrover

### **Wednesday adult class for June:**

Jeremiah and Lamentations: Mournings

This week: Lamentations 1-5