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Frankly Speaking –

More Words from The Word

by Frank Jordan

Phrases originating from the Bible often surprise us as to origin and original usage. Join me for another exploration of Biblical phrases we often use today in our speech.

Today we often speak in phrases most have no inkling of origin. While we have previously explored a few phrases sourced from the Bible such as “That’s just a drop in the bucket!” from Isaiah 40:15, let’s discover some more expressions you may not suspect had a Biblical origin.

As I watched a political rally for a victor, the announcer stated,

“Many are called but few are chosen.” This familiar introduction to recognize someone special among many originated in Matthew 22:13 in which the king at a wedding for his son provided the guests magnificent wedding clothes to wear, as was the custom of the times.

The king invited people from all levels of life instead of the socially elite to fill the church and provided them magnificent wedding clothes. When seeing an attending guest not wearing the tailored wedding cloak provided, the king was incensed and cast out the guest for the insult to the king’s generosity.

“Then said the king to the servants, bind him (the ill-dressed guest) hand and foot and take him away...For many are called but few are chosen.” The meaning of the parable is Christ provides you the cloak of His righteousness and eternal life, but if you choose to not accept the offer, you will be cast out by the King and not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Or how about the occasion when a child performs an act of speech beyond normal capabilities for his or her age, wherein

we often hear, “Out of the mouths of babes” come such and such words. This originated from David in Psalms 8:2, which many commentators believe refer to young David’s conquering at the age of 19 as a babe never before in war, the 9’6” giant, Goliath, with only a sling shot and a smooth stone. David then stated in the Psalm, “Out of the mouths of babes and infants, hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies.”

Although a young, small and untrained shepherd boy, David is saying it was the power and presence of God with him against His giant Philistine enemy that caused the victory for Israel. We need to be aware of the giants in our lives today and who has the power to slay life’s huge issues we can’t conquer alone.

When an event or happening is going to occur no matter what we do, we say “The writing is on the wall.” This phrase was presented in the Bible in Daniel 5:5 in the story of Belshazzar’s feast. Belshazzar as King of Babylonia was hosting a drunken party using the confiscated sacred gold temple vessels of Israel as wine goblets. Suddenly, a disembodied

hand wrote on the palace wall! Belshazzar was scared and sought an explanation. When none of his wise men or court could provide an answer, the king summoned the Israelite exile, Daniel.

Daniel responded, “This is the interpretation of the writing on the wall: God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” As Daniel predicted, that night Belshazzar after abusing the sacred vessels of God, was killed and Darius the Mede assumed control and authority just as foretold by the handwriting on the wall!

Frankly speaking, Belshazzar, as many today, should have taken heed of the certainty that our actions, whether good or bad, will have consequences as we read in Galatians 6:7, “Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Those words should make us think and help guide us in our relationships and actions with one another before we, “Give up the ghost.” Look it up in the Good Book!

Author Spellman to speak about Spindletop at SHC

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), part of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), presents an evening with author and historian Paul Spellman discussing his work, Spindletop Boom Days, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6. As part of the event, Center staff will offer a special viewing of historic images and records related to the oil industry in Southeast Texas. Spellman’s book will be available for purchase with the opportunity for the author to sign copies for guests after his talk.

Using first-person narra-

tives, Spellman recreates the daily life of those involved with the discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901, a moment that echoed throughout Southeast Texas and the nation. Spellman explores the industry innovations and human experiences resulting from the area’s oil boom, including stories of characters such as former Texas governor Jim Hogg and oilmen Walter and Jim Sharp, David Beatty and Joseph Cullinan.

Dr. Spellman is retired after 33 years teaching Texas and American history at the college level. He has degrees from Southwestern University, University of Texas-

Austin, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and his PhD from the University of Houston. He is a member of the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas Historic Commission, the Fort Bend Historic Commission and the Western Writers of America. He has published 15 books and numerous articles on Texas history.

This event is free and open to the public at the Sam Houston Center, located at 650 FM 1011 in Liberty. No registration required. Contact the Center at (936) 336-8821 or samhoustoncenter@tsl.texas.gov for more information.



DAYTON ROTARY WELCOMES ATTORNEY JOSH FITZGERALD

L to R: Rotarian Dr. Luke Chachere, Attorney Josh Fitzgerald, Rotarian Geoff McCracken.

Dayton Rotarians get some legal advice

DAYTON - The Rotary Club of Dayton welcomed attorney Josh Fitzgerald as the guest speaker during its July 23 meeting at the Dayton Community Center. Rotarian Rachel Ansley arranged the program, which focused on wills, probate, and the importance of

preparing a complete estate plan.

Fitzgerald opened the presentation by reminding members that when someone dies without an estate plan, state law determines how that person’s property is distributed.

Many people assume a

spouse will automatically receive everything, he explained, but the outcome may be different when blended families, children from previous marriages, adopted children or other heirs are involved.

Fitzgerald also addressed the common misconception that having a will allows an estate to avoid probate. A will must be submitted through the probate process before an executor receives legal authority to manage and distribute estate property.

Having a properly prepared will can make that process easier, less expensive, and less time-consuming for surviving family members.

He explained that a will is only one part of a complete estate plan. Other important documents may include a durable power of attorney, medical power of attorney and advance medical directives.

Fitzgerald also encouraged members to review the beneficiaries listed on bank accounts, retirement plans, life insurance policies, and other financial accounts.

Assets with beneficiary or transfer-on-death designations are considered non-probate assets. The beneficiary designation on the account may control who receives the asset, even when a will contains different instructions.

During the question-and-answer portion of the program, Fitzgerald discussed wills, trusts, transfer-on-death deeds, Lady Bird deeds, and handwritten wills. He made a few key points before ending the program including knowing where your documents are located, naming the executor of your estate, choosing financial/medical power of attorney, and informing family of passwords and location of documents.

Members also participated in a Rotary Spotlight featuring Dr. Travis Young, who discussed his commitment to community service and his long connection to Dayton. Young shared that he was a recipient of a local scholarship presented by Bill Buchanan in 1996. He said returning to serve his hometown and helping local children and families remain important reasons for his Rotary involvement.



Deputy Steven Tran of the Liberty County Sheriff’s Office joined up with other local law enforcement to support the Shop with a Copy fundraiser last week.

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Become a Certified Master Gardener

LIBERTY - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension is offering you the opportunity to become a Certified Master Gardener by attending the upcoming Master Gardener Training Class. The orientation/registration meeting will take place Monday, August 17, at 6 p.m. at the Liberty County Extension Office, 501 Palmer Avenue.

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained to assist the Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension in reaching its mission to bring relevant, researched-based information in horticulture to the public. Classes with cover Plant Growth and Development, Earth-Kind Gardening, Turfgrass Management, Entomology and IPM, in addition to value information pertaining to vegetables, herbs, fruit and much, much more.

Registration is \$150 and in-

cludes the Texas Master Gardener Handbook and all supplies/materials associated with classes. Classes will be held Monday evenings, from 6-9 p.m., September 14 through November 30 at the Liberty County Extension Office. Payments can be made by cash or check only.

For more information, call 936-334-3230 or email: liberty-countymga@gmail.com.

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