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PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

USED AND ABUSED

They talked about me. They promoted me. They said I was better than the other ones. I was handed down from father to father to father. My owner engraved his name on the front of me at great expense. But there I sat. As everyone went about shopping, playing, educating, and traveling, I sat quietly on the shelf, ignored.

People talk about me all the time, for sure. They will reference my contents, pull out a phrase or two when needed, but later act as if I do not exist. The husband used me for a speech to the Kiwanis Club. The wife decorated an end table with me. The kids looked at my maps and tried to pronounce a few towns.

People say I am easy to understand, but then those same people are afraid to use me to teach others. I am simultaneously adored and ignored. This is nothing new, of course. People have treated me this way for centuries.

But I shouldn't be so negative. Those who have used me properly have had their lives changed for the better. They truly love me. Not a day goes by without them reaching out to me for encouragement, instruction, and comfort. I am as effective today as I have ever been.

I am the Bible. I am used by some, abused by others. But I am exactly what God willed me to be.



Nick and Phifer's address while he is in the hospital: Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Room 6312, 2200 Children's Way, Nashville, TN, 37232.

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Sunday School: 9:30

Morning Worship: 10:30

Evening Worship: 6:00

Wednesday: 7:00

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Fred Kaiss, a coach at Goodpasture, is back to work.

Kim Waller is still recovering and undergoing tests.

Maime Hamilton was able to be back last Sunday.

James Brown, Freddie's brother, his still in the hospital.

Continue to pray for Mani Pagidipalli, John Kachelman, and Jim Waldron.

SUNDAY NIGHTS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

"Why?"

If you tell someone he/she should attend a service other than Sunday morning worship, that is usually the first response. Here are some common objections to attending those services:

1. "It's not required in Scripture!" First century Christians met nearly every day for all sorts of reasons. So to meet for only four hours a week seems to fall far short of the biblical example.

2. "I can be doing other good things during those services." Of course. But worship and Bible study should not be an "either/or" proposition. There is plenty of time to do other good works.

3. "Why repeat the same things we did on Sunday morning?" Why are the Psalms repetitious? Because we can't praise God enough or study His word too much.

Make all of our services a priority in your life. You'll be glad you did! <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>

READ: Baker

PRAYER: John Hayes

<u>WORSHIP</u>

WAIT ON TABLE: J. Walker

SERVE: D. Demonbreum, Gupton, Reed

PRAYER: E. Walker

James Hayes