

How my Grandfather was able to **Build a Legacy**



Jasper Quakkelaar

"And he hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God."

I was saddened Earlier this year by the death of my Grandfather - My Dad's Dad.

I was filled with joy earlier this year by the death of my Grandfather.

Both are true, because my Grandfather knew the Lord, and worshiped Him his whole life. My Grandfather left a legacy.

He fathered six children. There are twenty-two grandchildren, two of whom greeted Grandpa as he entered heaven. There are thirty-two great grandchildren.

I was amazed how his progeny all honored the Lord. I saw an entire family - extended family - who all have been presented with the gospel. I believe that fact is largely due to the witness and ministry of one man, Jasper Quakkelaar, to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

My grandfather's life was filled with struggle. After getting off to a great start, he was involved in a terrible traffic accident that damaged his physical health. He was in the hospital an extended period of time. He never walked the same. But his faith strengthened.

As the oldest grandson, I received one of my grandfather's Bibles. It was an old book. I opened it to find the handwritten inscription,

Presented November 28, 1945 to my friend Jasper Quakkelaar by Wm A Chapman with the prayer that God may speed your recovery.

William Chapman was the president, at the time, of the Home Bible League.

My grandfather wasn't much for writing in Bibles, so I didn't expect to find any margin notes or underlines. I knew he loved the Psalms, so I opened the Bible to read from the same pages my grandfather looked to for strength in his time of trouble. To my great surprise, and the surprise of my own father, we found that he indeed underlined passages from Psalms. I'm sure he never anticipated that

his grandson would someday be reading those same underlined passages, and realizing the heritage of a faith the drew it's strength from the Lord Almighty. As he lay recovering from his injuries for months on end, he underlined the following passages:

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple

Oh Lord, thou has brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

My times are in thy hand.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The righteous cry... Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me... For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God... For I will declare mine iniquity: I will be sorry for my sin.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry... And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.

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Building an Eternity

How God used a daughter to speak to her Mother's heart in her twilight.

Kathy Vogelmann

The Lord worked beautifully and powerfully in the last year of my mom's life. She had been a Unitarian, but through affliction, first losing her husband of 50 years last year (who himself professed Christ on his deathbed), and then having her physical health slowly deteriorate, she became increasingly tender to the Lord. Although she suffered from congestive heart failure, she had been doing pretty well lately. In fact, two days previously, her cardiologist made a house call and after examining her, gave her a glowing report saying her heart was "strong as a rock" and that "she should try out for the Green Bay Packers." However, the night she passed on she seemed a little troubled about her heart. I reminded her of the doctor's good report and his comment about joining Green Bay. She laughed, but still seemed troubled. I told her I had an encouraging word for her and was prompted to sing her a song, "Whom Have I in Heaven But Thee?" from Psalm 73:25-26:

*Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
And beside thee I desire nothing on earth.*

*My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever."*

Then I shared with her that last Thanksgiving morning I had awakened with that song playing in my head and that it had

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For Sale

Multi Pure Water Purification System. Model 500. Stainless steel, installs below sink, like new. Retail \$330. Asking \$185. Debbie: 782-0168 (3)

A Beka Science and Health for grades 2, 4&5. Bob Jones Spelling and Heritage for grades 1,2,4&5. Additional titles and subjects available as well. Will sell or trade for A Beka 7th and 9th gr. Health and 7th gr. workbooks for science and health. Pat : (414) 363-3472 (3)

Boy's "dirt bike" style bicycle. Good condition. \$25. Sherry: 662-0247 (3)

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Printing Equipment. 10x15 Offset press (Chief), 11x17 2 color offset press (Chief), Vertical Camera (Nu-Arc), Plate Maker (Nu-Arc), 25" lever pater cutter (Challenge), Paper Drill, Table Top Folder, 10x15 Letterpress (Chandler and Price), Light Table & Round Corner Machine. I am willing to train too! Dave: 786-6385 (1)

Barbie Cleanout! Dolls (10), clothes, house and horse. All in good / fair condition. \$30 for all. Karen:549-1585 (1)

10 speed racing style bike. \$20. Dan or Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

KONOS Timeline with cut outs. \$10. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

The Free Box

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

King size mattress and box springs. Karen: 549-1585 (3)

Men's ski jacket. Size medium. Good condition. Sherry: 662-0247 (2)

Hooded winter coat. Women's XL. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Infant car seat for small baby. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Jewel CD boxes. Approx. 25. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Bunk bed frame, no mattress'. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Services

Do you have migraine headaches? How about gas and bloating or blurry, unclear vision. Do you eat more than normal yet still feel hungry? Do you suffer from allergies. These are just some signs that you may have parasites. After seeing a dozen doctors, neurologists & 4 chiropractors, and after trying nutritional therapies and allergy management routines, we still had our medical problems -- and they were getting worse. After using these herbal products, we rid ourselves of parasites and our major health problems are gone too! Call us for more details. Sherry: 662-0247 (3)

Violin and Piano Lessons. I am located in Hartland and have been teaching for several years. Call for more information. Jeanne: 367-7308 (3)

Spring Clothing Drive. See the insert and post at your church. Help needed. Call 662-0247.

Member's Needs



Seeking a gentle, kind, child safe horse or pony with tack for my children to learn to ride on. We will offer an excellent home. Linda: 363-9039 (3)

Used 4x4 four runner to pull large garden trailer for helping with misc. farm chores. Linda: 363-9039 (3)

Car Seat and Keyboard or Piano. Lisa: 442-4749 (3)

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Sofa. Stephanie: 931-9788 (1)

Bassinet or cradle and a full size stroller. Leona: 535-1144 (3)

Home or duplex to rent for a homeschooling family of 6. Varina: 357-8742 (3)

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Travel bed or playpen. Jennifer: 662-0518 (2)

Bookshelves. Jennifer: 662-0518 (2)

Queen and full beds. Stephanie: 931-9788 (1)

Weaver Curriculum Volume 1. Terri: 578-9121 (2)

Refrigerator. Large capacity. Renee: 483-2828 (2)

Gas stove and refrigerator. Stephanie: 931-9788 (1)

Large winter coat suitable as a maternity coat for a size 12 woman. Barb: 541-1733 (2)

Double stroller needed. Barb: 541-1733 (2)

Gas Stove. Rena: 383-9812 (2)

Geosafari packets. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

I would like information on a homeschool singing group in Waukesha Co. that my 7 year old could attend. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Baby crib with bedding, infant car seat, toddler car seat, newborn clothing, changing table and a small dresser.

Nicole: 641-0543 (1)

Two twin bed frames. Terri: 578-9121

Pasta Maker in good working condition at a reasonable cost. Paula: 662-2685 (1)

Christian single woman is looking for same to share home. One child is welcome. Warm family atmosphere in a lovely home located in southern Waukesha County. Adequate room for privacy. Mary: 679-7673 (1)

Saxon 76 complete math program. Holly: 789-0796 (1)

Microwave & computer. Stephanie: 931-9788 (1)

We need a plumber to help us replace a seal on a 1925 toilet. We are unsure of how to do it. Can you help us? Of course we will pay you for time and materials. Dan: 662-0247 (1)

Window air conditioner. Sherry or Dan: 662-0247 (1)

A mattress for a twin size bed. Sherry or Dan: 662-0247 (1)

Eternity

repeated in my heart all Thanksgiving Day. The Lord had directed me at that time to thank Him in song, to thank Him for, among other things, being the strength of her heart as well as mine. I told her how thankful I was for her life and all she meant to me. Then I told her that the word "strength" in the song means literally "rock" (she was a lover of words and etymology). I reminded her that her doctor had said that her heart was like a rock, that God had kept her heart going all this time, and that HE is the rock of her heart. (Months earlier when she hadn't been doing well and her doctor said she was "between a rock and a hard place", we shared images with her

from the Bible in which Christ is pictured as a rock and explained that if she turned to Him, the Rock would then become a place of safety and refuge. She loved this picture of Christ as the Rock. Later, when anxiety plagued her, Kyle gave her verse 19 from Psalm 94. Writing it down, she picked up her Bible and read the verse aloud, then continued reading stopping abruptly at verse 22: "But the Lord has been my stronghold and my God the rock of my refuge". She paused and then continued, ending at Ps 95:1 "O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation." She took great comfort in these verses.) After I sang her the song, her face was radiant as she giggled like a little girl, put her hand in the air in her familiar "Carpe Diem" victory salute and declared, "Yes, the

Rock of my heart!". I kissed her good night. I had no idea those would be her last words to me and mine to her. (Frankly, I was looking forward to Packer training camp.) She died peacefully in her sleep later that night. I deeply miss her, but will always treasure my last memory of her and how gently she was ushered home in peace. The cardiologist called me afterwards and said two things had amazed him: 1) The inexplicable marked improvement he had seen in her condition since he last saw her in August, and then 2) The fact she was gone two days later. He was confounded by both events and found them equally hard to believe. And finally, he wanted us to know that he did not believe it was the pills that had been keeping her alive and in such good health.

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My father told me stories about how my Grandpa would load the family - all six of his children and my grandma, into the car, and they would drive. As they drove, they would all sing hymns - praise to God. I can't help but think that my grandfather drove to remember the accident, and used the time driving to sing praise to God - to honor God as the source of life, here and eternal.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire... Withhold not thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. ...The Lord be magnified.

So my grandfather underlined the testimony of his whole life, by his own hand. A man whose desire was to magnify the Lord. Who praised God in his troubled times and in his good times.

My grandfather practiced Stewardship of life - Stewardship of his testimony. He was a minister and missionary to scores of people — all his children. His testimony continues as you read this.

In same way, you are building a legacy of faith for your children and

their children. A testimony before your neighbors. A Steward of the great commission. Fulfill that task well. Your loved ones are watching. The world is watching. Your Lord is watching.

In Christ,
Dan & Sherry

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Jasper & Connie Quakkelaar, Dan's Grandma & Grandpa. Grandma still lives near Grand Rapids, MI

Spring Clothing Drive

The clothing drive will be held May 2nd at Waukesha Bible Church. A flyer was included inside the newsletter. If the flyer is missing and you need information, call Sherry any weekday afternoon: 662-0247.

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Important Note to Members

The date you see in the upper right hand corner of your mailing label is your renewal date. If your renewal date is this month, then it is time to let us know you wish to renew. If you want your name removed from the list, let us know that too!

Please feel free to make copies of the flyer on the reverse of this sheet, and post it anywhere you feel people would like to know about the clothing drive.

About the Drive...

The Clothing Drive/Share is an opportunity for Christians to help others meet their clothing needs for the coming season. We invite all Christians to come and benefit from the Lord's abundance and we open this to our unbelieving neighbors as a testimony and an opportunity to witness to them. In past years we have had many willing volunteers that help us. We couldn't have done it without their participation. These are the areas that we need assistance in. Please call us if you can help out.

- √ Evangelism
- √ Flyer distribution
- √ Set up & take down
- √ Car pooling

Please use this Clothing Drive/Share as a tool to practice stewardship more efficiently. All people are encouraged to attend, not only those

with a low income. Are you going on a short term mission trip this summer? Have you been blessed with rapidly growing children? Would you like to give a little extra to a ministry? The Clothing Drive can help. All clothing is distributed free of cost. Both poor and wealthy believers are encouraged to participate. It is not necessary for you to bring clothing in order to take some but we do encourage you to donate warm weather clothing that your family does not need. For those with the means to buy new clothing, please consider taking clothes from the Drive/Share and donating the money you would have spent to church or a ministry.

Details:

The Spring Clothing Drive/Share will be held Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to

3:00 p.m. Donations of *warm weather, sorted and labeled* clothing can be brought to the church starting on April 27th. *Sorting and labeling save a lot of time, and insures set up in one day!* Please sort your clothes by size & gender. ie: Girl's size 8-10 or Men's XL. Consider sorting the winter clothes that you are putting into storage now for easy donation to the Fall Clothing Drive/Share.

Volunteers are needed. We need help contacting local agencies and churches, inviting them to the clothing drive. We need help setting up, taking down and supervising the event. Keep in mind this is also an evangelistic outreach, so evangelists will be needed too. To volunteer, or for more information, call Dan or Sherry at 662-0247.

Clothing Share

Come to gymnasium of Waukesha Bible Church on May 2nd between 9AM and 3PM and Share (give and receive) clothing for the whole family. Clothing is sorted by size and gender. Clothing drop-off starts April 27th at the church. Call 662-0247 for more information.

When: May 2nd from 9AM to 3PM

Where: Waukesha Bible Church, 5 minutes north of I-43 on Hwy 164, south of Waukesha



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