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***FAITH GREATER THAN FACT?***

By Allan Love

Have you ever been discouraged by coming face-to-face with an undeniable fact of life? Maybe it was a job downsizing in your workplace that you hoped would not affect you, but you ended up getting a pink slip! Or perhaps it was hearing the doctor say, “yes you do have cancer, we tested what was biopsied three times just to be sure.” I can remember as a child waiting outside my mom’s apartment where she was meeting with my dad to ask him if they could get back together after a brief separation. I wanted so desperately for us (including my two younger brothers) to be a family again, not living lives marked by disconnection – and I had shared this with my dad. But I had to face the heartbreaking fact immediately after the meeting - my dad had chosen not to keep us together as a family. It has been said that, hope delayed is painful, but hope destroyed is unbearable! Hope had been demolished for me that day, and I am surprised that I made it through that season of life to the degree that I did.

But what about those times when we feel God has spoken to us and said that ‘such-and-such’ would not be so, or that it would be so – and the facts of life clearly seem to suggest otherwise? God never told me that he would bring my parents back together – even though that was my prayer. Yet, there have been (and continue to be) times where I believe God has spoken to me, given me a promise about something/someone – and time goes on, and goes on, and continues to go on, and I wonder if God will really pull through (Sidebar: Yes, there exists the very real possibility that I have misheard God, and all ‘words from God’ do need to be tested and discerned in community and with Scripture – but in this article I am working on the assumption that God has indeed spoken). Recently, I came across Paul’s words afresh in Romans 4:18-21 which have provided (and continue to afford) comfort and strength in times when I doubt whether God will be faithful to his promise:

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<sup>18</sup> *Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”* <sup>19</sup>*Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.* <sup>20</sup> *Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,* <sup>21</sup> *being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.*

If you feel this is your lot in life right now – wavering and feeling weak in your faith, particularly as it relates to a promise from God – I pray that you will be encouraged and empowered by the apostle’s God-given words, and that you will come to a place where your faith is strengthened and that you will be able to give God the glory!

## A CREATIVE LIFESTYLE

By Paul Baloché

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There's a lot of discussion these days about what it means to live a life of worship. Many explanations turn to vague and mysterious answers all focused on one's heart being tuned to God. It is true that we should all strive for a continual communion with God throughout our daily lives by the attitude of our hearts, but in practice, what does this mean?

Worship in a congregation is the most common form of worship. Music can bridge the gap between our everyday lives and the supernatural. Music can be divine and inspiring. Something happens when a longing heart is combined with music in worship of God. Perhaps the Lord delights in the sound, but my guess is that He delights in the creativity behind the sound. After all, we worship a very creative God. To be the ultimate Creator, the inventor of creativity itself, He must delight in our expressions of this creativity.

As a musician, a lifestyle of worship includes playing music for the Lord – not necessarily hymns and popular worship songs, but simply the playing, the creating, the expression of the heart through the instrument. The

musician worships by creating beautiful new sounds. Worship at church is marked by music perhaps because it is the creation that other people share in. Singing together is this same creativity pouring from the mouths of the congregation.

But what about other forms of expressing our worship to God? A friend of mine who is a calligrapher finds solace and harmony in creating letters during a worship service. Another is a writer who, instead of audibly speaking his prayers and concerns during the worship service, will write them in a notebook while sitting in stillness with the music surrounding him.

As the woman slides her paintbrush across the canvas, or as the young man composes a poem or a short story, this can be worship. As a striving businessman imagines new ways of organization, this is worship. As a new mom dances with her child to the sound of the day, this is worship. Often we get in the mindset that worship should be structured and specific. In the same way that God delights in our individuality, I believe he also delights in our diverse

expressions of worship.

As worship leaders, how should we encourage a congregation to explore these aspects of worship? Depending on the style of the worship service, an encouragement to spend the time of worship writing down prayers, sketching in a notepad, moving about the room, raising hands, singing – anything that will express what is on their hearts. It's possible that people only need permission to do something other than stand facing the stage and watching the worship leader lead. Encourage them to find their own expression even during the service. Doing so is bound to ignite a freshness to the worship experience. After all, this is the ultimate responsibility of a worship leader – to guide people into a many-faceted life of worship.

<http://www.ccli.com/WorshipCorner/Article.aspx?ContentId=c3c08776-d13d-4cfc-b563-ad319b4fadeb>

**About Paul Baloché—Paul Baloché is a worship leader and prolific songwriter of many top CCLI songs, including “Open The Eyes of My Heart,” “Above All,” “Hosanna,” “Offering” and “Your Name.”**

July is here! Warm nights, bright stars and fellowship with others around the grill! There are so many great things happening during this month: Fun in the Sun, many activities for kids and families and of course, Ross Point Family Camp! There are so many ways we can cultivate our relationships with fellow Believers!



What about our neighbors, the person in the cubicle next to us at work or the cashier at our local grocery store? Are we spending our summer reaching the lost in our sphere of influence? For me personally, I have been challenged by the actions of my children! They excitedly passed out invitations to our recent Vacation Bible School outreach to their classmates. I answered this challenge by inviting our neighbors to Fun in the Sun! I have prayerfully sought the Lord and asked

Him how our family can impact the community for His Kingdom. It has amazed me how many people He has brought across our path to share His love and message of Hope with!

As I have been given the chance to share God's love with those around me it has further driven home the fact that there are so many lost people who need Jesus! I have taken this to heart and have stepped out of my comfort zone and pushed myself to be more intentional to invite friends and acquaintances to the different outreach events the church has planned throughout the summer. I am learning to carry invitation cards to our church events and services. Most of all, I am continually asking God to change me so I can make a difference for Him!

In Him, Christen

**Are you looking for a way to spend time with your kids this summer? Mark your calendars now and join us for some of these fun activities we have planned for our Preschoolers and their families throughout the summer:**

**Preschool Family Park Day! (July 14th 10:00 AM):** Meet at Forest Park for an amazing time with other preschoolers and families! Bring a sack lunch and plan for a fun day of relay races and other great games!

**Kidz Rock Zoo Day! (July 21st 11:00AM):** We are all going to meet at Woodland Park Zoo by 10AM at the North Gate entrance and have a great adventure! This event is another one designed for the entire family! Come prepared to do lots of running around, taking pictures, and having a blast!!!  
*Bring either a sack lunch or money for food for lunch. & a digital camera.*

**Preschool Sponsored Children's Museum (August 3rd 9:30 AM):** This event is sponsored by the preschool department. We will take the kidz to the Imagine Children's Museum. Meet at the church and we will walk down to the museum together. Bring a sack lunch and plan for a fun day of adventure & learning!

**AquaSox Family Baseball Night (August 10th 7:00 PM)** Sign up for your tickets early and come with the church as we cheer on the local Everett AquaSox baseball team! This event is designed for the entire family!

**Back to School Family Fun Picnic! (August 31st 6-8 PM)** As you and the kidz are gearing up for school to resume, we will sponsor our last blast family event of the summer at Forest Park! Be sure to bring the entire family and your neighbors as we join our entire church family for a great picnic!

*We hope to see you at a few of these events and don't forget to bring a friend or two!*

### Parenting Tips 101—Addressing Selfishness

At least part of the solution for a child's selfishness is to learn how to be a servant. Our culture tends to not like that term, but any good employer, spouse, or team player knows how to give up his or her agenda for others at times. That's servant hood.

Children need to learn how to be servants. It's not an elective; it's a required course. Learning to be a servant will help children be better employees, better husbands or wives, and even better parents. It may be helpful to make servant hood a focus for a week or a month in your home. You might create a poster giving a working definition of servant hood that goes something like this:

--Seeking to overcome self-centeredness by looking for ways to help and care for others.

Or for younger children:  
--Looking for ways to make other people happy before me.

You might have everyone in the family memorize a verse from the Bible like Philippians 2:4, "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Plan ways that each person can practice being a servant. As a parent, you are already serving your children in more ways that they probably appreciate. In fact, you might ask your child to serve by

taking on one of the tasks you usually do in family life. This gives opportunity for you to model appreciation for service.

A child might plan and prepare a meal for the family for example. That's more complicated than many children realize. The work required to think of others may be just what some children need to get out of their own selfish patterns. Of course, those being served often respond with delight and appreciation, the built in reward for servant hood. This kind of role reversal can go a long way to teach children to value others and appreciate the things people do for them.



Mark your calendars to be a part of our Summer Days—Don't forget to pick up a brochure and read up on all of the exciting Kidz Rock Summer events that we have going on for your kidz and your family! We are planning on going to Forest Park, the Woodland Zoo, an Aqua Sox Baseball game and much more!

**THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE VBS AN AMAZING SUCCESS THIS YEAR!**

**WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!**



# Super Amazing Summer 2011

<b>July</b>		
6 6-8pm	Howarth Park Iceblocking/ Welcome the 5th Graders We would like to welcome all those finishing 5th grade and entering 6th grade. Parents and kids join us at Howarth Park for a cookout and iceblocking. Bring a hand towel to put on the ice block.	Free
13 6-8pm	Mukilteo Beach We will meet at the beach for a fun night on the beach.	Free
<b>July 10-17—Know Sweat mission trip to California</b>		
20 10am-9pm	A Day at the Blair's Cabin Meet at the church at 10am <u>Please bring \$5 cash.</u> We will drive to the Mukilteo ferry and go over to spend the day at the Blair's cabin on Whidbey island. We will be playing volleyball, swimming, intertubing, eating and hanging out.	\$5.00
27	No meeting due to Ross Point Family Camp (July 24-30)	
<b>August</b>		
3	The \$3 challenge Meet at the church and take off in teams in a fun and interesting challenge. Each team gets \$3 and must get as many receipts as they can.	Free
10 7pm-late	Aquasox Family Baseball Night Meet at Memorial Stadium. Whether you like baseball or not there is nothing like a summer night at Memorial Stadium! <u>You must pre-buy your tickets</u>	\$10.00
17 11am-4pm	Day trip to Picnic Point Join us for a fun day at Picnic Point beach. Meet at the church, bring a sack lunch and enjoy a sunny day at this wonderful beach.	Free
24 6-9pm	House Party at the Grundl's	Free
<b>August 19-22 - Middle School Summer Ski Retreat Pearrygin Lake State Park - Get your registration forms now.</b>		



## KNOW|SWEAT

**High School  
Mission Trip  
2011  
July 10-17**

Please Pray for each of these students & Leaders who are going on the mission trip.

**Students**

- Dominique Bell
- Jane Bird
- Sam Blair
- Brady Christian
- Grayson Goodman
- Zach Grundl
- Marisa Johnson
- Hannah Kienzle

Michael Kinsman


- Melanie Lane
- Christian Linder
- Michaela Love

**Leaders**

- Stephanie Kinsman
- Mark Perry
- Molly Perry
- Nathan Yocum



# JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5pm: Street Ministry	2 6:45 am: Mens B.B.
3 9 & 10:30am Worship	4 Office Closed 1-3pm—Fun in the SUN Street Fair 5:30 pm: Aerobics	5 9am: Lay Pastor Mtg	6 10am: Ladies 12 Step Class 12 pm: Summer Bible Study with Prinzing	7 9am: SAM Coffee 5:45pm: Aerobics 7-9pm: As Is Study	8 9am: SAM Coffee 5:45pm: Aerobics 7-9pm: As Is Study	9 6:45 am: Mens B.B. 11am: Logan Memorial
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ROSS      POINT      FAMILY      CAMP      JULY 24–JULY 30						
31 9 & 10:30am Worship			12 pm: Summer Bible Study with Prinzing			

**Commit**  
to the person of Christ

**Connect**  
to the body of Christ

**Contribute**  
to the mission of Christ



Hey – all you who have inquisitive minds! Do you wonder what spiritual gifts are? If there are spiritual gifts, which one's do you have? Why do you have them? What do you do with them? How do yours fit into the big picture? More questions? Sign up for the **Contributing Class** (*Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts*).

You'll get answers to all of that, and you'll find out what your passions are. Passions? What's that all about? More questions, huh? Fill out the communication card at church or call the office to add your name to our list of inquisitive minds!

We'll stay in touch and let you know the dates for our upcoming September class.

## **ROSS POINT Family Camp 2011**

**Sunday, July 24th-Saturday July 30th**



Mark your calendars for Church Family Camp at Ross Point, Idaho from July 24th—July 30th, 2011. For more information, contact Pastor Allan at [allan@fbc-everett.net](mailto:allan@fbc-everett.net) or Steve Dittoe at [stevedittoe@earthlink.net](mailto:stevedittoe@earthlink.net)

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