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A String on Your Finger ***Dan Jenkins***

I am not sure where the idea originated, but it has been around for decades. If there was something really important you needed to remember, you were told to put a string (or ribbon) on your finger to remind you. I am sure other cultures may have similar figures of speech and times have changed in our world. More recently we talk about putting it on our calendar or putting a reminder on our cell phone.

It is remarkable that the Jews evidently did something very much like this. When Moses gave the law, he told the Jews to do two things to keep God's word before them. They were to write them on the gates and doors of their houses or to write God's words and put them in containers and wear these containers on their hands or around their heads, just above their eyes.

Moses said, "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your doors" (Deut. 6:8-9—in the New Testament these containers or frontlets are called phylacteries—Matt. 23:5). They did not put strings on their fingers, they wore them before their eyes.

Evidently, they also wrote words on their hands. Have you not at some time or another used a pen to write important numbers or details on your hand when you could not find

paper you might use? Isaiah indicates the Jews did this when he described how and where God wrote His message.

What was that message that was so important that He wrote it down on His hand? It was written in that part of Isaiah where he told the Jews that they were headed for captivity, and he then began to give a detailed description of the coming of the Messiah. When they were in captivity, they might have felt that God had forgotten them. Such was not the case for after the captivity of the Messiah, the suffering Servant would come.

What was that message God wrote? Perhaps if we knew what He wrote it might help us know and understand our God even better. What was that message? Read these words slowly and carefully. “Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands” (Isa. 49:16). God had written the name of His people on the palms of His hand!

God had not forgotten Israel, and He has not forgotten us! It was not a string on a finger—it was your name written on the palm of His hand. As I thought about all of this, I could not help but remember the words of Thomas about not believing in Jesus unless he saw the nail prints in His hand. As you think about the fact that God remembers us, look at the hands of Jesus. Figuratively, your name is beside those wounds in His hands!

Congregational News & Notes

Happenings

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton Kidder, Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Margaret Davis

Today's Sermons

AM - Greg Long Speaking

PM - Singing Night

South Jackson

Today

Greg Long will be speaking
during the AM Service

Singing Night

Fifth Sunday Services March 31

AM - Ray Pack

PM - Special Song Service

There will be no potluck meal.
PM service will start at 1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Judy Ellis
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Humboldt, TN 38343

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Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	42/15
AM Worship	72/15
PM Worship	49/9
Wed Bible Study	56/12
Contribution	3402
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Mar 24 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Greg Long

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Ray Pack

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

Mar 31 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray PAck

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Joe Vernable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Various

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Mar 27 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray PAck

Opening Prayer:

Ronald Clouse

Devo - Marion Thomas

Apr 3 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM