

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class on hold
Morning Assembly 9 or 11
Evening Assembly on hold

Wednesday

Bible Class on hold

RADIO PROGRAM

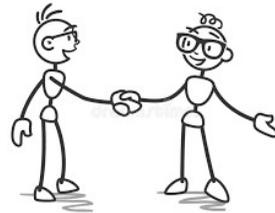
The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
KURM 790AM

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If possible, so far as it
depends on you, live
peaceably with all.
Romans 12:18

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
On Hold

Next Sunday
All Classes
On Hold

This info is provided
to help everyone stay
in synch during our
three-year study thru
the Bible (Sunday AM).



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Your People Shall Be My People

*“Wherever you go, I will go; and
wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your
people shall be my people, and your
God, my God.” - Ruth 1:16*

These words, so often cited at weddings, were actually spoken by a daughter-in-law to her mother-in-law. Their husbands had both died, and the older woman had instructed the younger one to return to her family where she might find some help with her difficult situation.

But Ruth refused to go. She was a Moabite, and the Moabites were an idolatrous people. She had spent enough time with her husband’s

Jewish family to learn about the one, true God; and she was not about to go back to her idolatrous past.

What a lesson for God’s people today! Wherever we came from on our journey to Christ, it is not a place worth returning to. Even if our family is there, Christ is more important than our worldly family (Mt 10:37). In fact, when we entered the family of God, we entered a relationship more important than **any** earthly one. It’s the way Ruth looked at it, it’s the way God looks at it (2 Co 6:16ff), and it’s how we should look at it as well. - *WKing*

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.
Sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis,
and Etta Frazelle *Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey,
Shirley Cole, & Billie Pennington *Military:* Logan Dickey

CLASS SCHEDULE – No in-person classes for now but hang in there! By God’s grace we hope to restart those classes soon!

SENTENCE SERMON – The opposite of love is not simply hate; it is apathy.

Another Perspective

Throw the Rope!

Calf-roping has always intrigued me. These men train hard, practice often, and wear out miles of rope to compete for maybe five or ten seconds.

Many times, these riders fail. Sometimes their horse jumps out of the gate too early. Sometimes the calf stops as soon as it leaves the gate. Sometimes the rope doesn't tighten around the calf's head, but around its body, or it just slips off. One thing stands out though: if given the chance, they ALWAYS throw the rope!

It occurs to me that Christians might learn something from these cowboys. Consider the application to teaching the lost. Jesus made the Apostles “*fishers of men*” (Mk 1:17, though here in Texas we can appropriately be called “lassoers of men”!)

When trying to teach someone the Gospel, we may fail; but we need to keep ‘throwing the rope’ to others. We need to throw the rope of God's Word, because only it has the power to save (Ro 1:16-17). We need to throw the rope of a godly example because through it people will glorify God (Mt 5:16). We need to throw the rope of truth because only the truth sets one free from sin (Jn 8:32). And we need to throw the rope of love because it is the greatest of commandments and without it there is no profit (1 Co 13).

Like cowboys, we need to ‘throw the rope’ when we get the chance, without fear of failure. Even Jesus didn't convert everyone; but He tried.

- *Mike Walls (edited for space)*

Faith in Context

PRACTICAL ADVICE FROM A PRACTICAL CREATOR

Children, I gave you a mind to consider the world. I gave you a heart to consider Me. I gave you a spirit to consider your ways. Use these gifts in times of need.

When you doubt that I Am, simply look at My creation – it will declare My glory to you (Ps 19¹⁻⁶). Look and speak to My creatures of this world, and they will tell you who I am (Job 12⁷⁻¹⁰). Child, even the rocks cry out and declare Me as I AM (Lk 19⁴⁰).

When you are unsure whether I am the One True God – whether I am true to My word – look at My track record. I brought Israel out from bondage and guided them to the Promised Land (Ex 20²; Dt 8⁷⁻¹⁰). I sent priests, judges, and prophets to

lead My children away from sin (Jgs 2-¹⁶; Lev 1¹⁻⁴; Jer 7²⁵). I took hold of, trained, guided, and helped My children in all ways to bring them to Me (Gal 3²⁴).

Above all, I gave you Myself so that you could see Me and trust Me (Rom 3²⁵⁻²⁶; Jno 12⁴⁴⁻⁴⁵).

When you are weak and you falter, trust in Me. I Am faithful and will forgive you when you repent and come to Me (1 Jno 1⁹). I am not like people, for you will never weary Me, and you will never exhaust My infinite Grace (Isaiah 40²⁸). My child, I am not far away. I am near to you and am with you unto the end (Acts 17²⁴⁻²⁸; Mt 28²⁰).

Consider Me, my beloved.



- *WHSmith*