

### Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza  
(FV) Mike Mehaffey  
(O) Doug Pruett  
(A) James Lovell  
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire  
2nd prayer Calvin Burks  
Announcements: Jack Wall  
Singing: Kevin Grant

**January 25th**  
Noon Fellowship  
**February 1st**  
Mission Sunday  
**February 8th**  
Men's Business Meeting  
**February 14th**  
Valentine's Day  
**February 16th**  
President's Day  
**February 22nd**  
Noon Fellowship  
**March 1st**  
Mission Sunday

Please keep Jorge and his Family in your prayers.  
Jorge's younger sister Patty Garza passed away on January 11th.

*Happy Anniversary*  
**January 26th**  
**Doug & Theresa Pruett**  
**February 14th**  
**Vernon & Linda Houts**

### Prayer List:

Vicki Moore  
Valerie Garza  
Virginia Lovell  
Vernon Houts  
Wanda Kitchens  
Jorge Garza  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

### **Genesis 2:21-23 NKJV**

**21** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.  
**22** Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.  
**23** And Adam said:  
"This is now bone of my bones  
And flesh of my flesh;  
She shall be called **Woman**,  
Because she was taken out of Man."

### *Happy Birthday*

*Lindy Burks Feb. 14th*  
*Corey Tackett Feb. 20th*  
*Eloisa Garza March 2nd*  
*Rachel Flores March 3rd*  
*Mattie Tackett March 12th*

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*Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way.*

#### **Sunday Worship:**

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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## Faith and Feeling

He asked how I was feeling, and I grinned a little—only a little—and said, “Aw, you don’t want to know.” He nodded like a man that knew from experience what I meant, and he grinned a little—but only a little. We were silent for a moment and then he said, “And how’s your faith?” It lights me up when I think of my response—a genuinely felt and deeply grounded response. I said something like, “Now that’s a whole different story! Nothing seems ever to affect that.” I’m not overly confident that I would be able to say that if I were living under extreme circumstances for a very long time. As it is, I have my share of troubles and disappointments, but I don’t live in Darfur or Zimbabwe or big city streets or other such models of purgatory.

But aren’t our feelings a gauge of how healthy our faith is? Um...not really! The notion that if you truly trust God you won’t feel pain or loss or disappointment is silly. Trust in God doesn’t exempt a man or woman from hurt or frustration or anxiety. Yes, I know we hear preachers and read others who say otherwise, and I know they can quote texts while they’re doing it. And worse—because it’s more plausible—they tell us when the roof falls in on us, we shouldn’t stagger under the burden. Faith is supposed to take the pain out of the pain and the weight out of the load, don’t you know. (Faith in God through Jesus Christ is not the burdensome thing. It’s an easy yoke and a light burden; but in a fallen world it generates the stress of swimming against the current.)

Imagine one of the glib ones asking Habakkuk, “How are you feeling?” “Awful!” Habakkuk would tell him. “I just heard a message I don’t like. I heard and my heart pounded. My lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled” (**Habakkuk 3:16**). If a modern believer answered this way, a modern triumphalist response might well be, “Oh, that’s too bad. I thought you really trusted in God. If you did, you wouldn’t feel this way.” Had someone said that to Habakkuk he would have said, “Oh, but I do trust! Though the fig tree crop fails and the fields produce no fruit, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights” (**3:17-19**).

This is one of the loveliest, strongest confessions in the entire Bible, and he makes it while he trembles and while his legs can hardly support him. The same pounding heart and quivering lips that confessed his awful anxiety defied the anxiety he felt. This is not an unusual case, but even if it were, it would make the case that fear and anxiety can exist in the presence of the profoundest faith.

By Ty Nichol

## Where Are You?

An old gospel preacher stood before a great audience and announced the text of his sermon. He said, “My text is **Genesis 3:9**. The Bible says, ‘And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou?’” The preacher continued, “I will make three divisions in this study. First, every man has to be somewhere. Second, some men are where they ought not to be. Third, they that are where they ought not to be are one day going to find themselves where they don’t want to be!”

God’s question to Adam (“Where are you?”) serves to remind us today of spiritually geographic locations where accountable persons find themselves.

Some ARE in Christ. Those who have obeyed the gospel (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:17**), and are living faithful to Christ are in Him (**Ephesians 1:3**). There is no condemnation in Christ (**Romans 8:1**). There is forgiveness of sins in Christ (**Ephesians 1:7**). There is salvation in Christ (**2 Timothy 2:10**). The Scriptures teach that one is baptized into Christ’s death where He shed His blood (**Romans 6:3-4; John 19:33-34**). Paul wrote, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (**Galatians 3:27**). Having been baptized into Christ, one remains in this spiritual location by walking in the light (**1 John 1:7**) and remaining faithful to Him unto death (**Revelation 2:10**).

Some WERE in Christ. It is possible for those who were once in the right spiritual location (in Christ) to depart (fall away from) that location. Those who think they stand in Christ are warned to “take heed” lest they fall (**1 Corinthians 10:12**). The grace of God is in Christ (**2 Timothy 2:1**), and some have fallen from that grace (**Galatians 5:4**). Some were in the location where they had escaped the sinful pollutions of the world, but they moved to another location where they were condemned (**2 Peter 2:20-22**). It is possible for those who have been enlightened by the truth, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 6:4; 10:26-32; Acts 2:38**), to fall away (**Hebrews 6:4-6**). Those who do not abide in Christ will, one day, be where they will eternally regret such (*cf. John 15:6*).

Some ARE NOT (and never have been) in Christ. To be outside of Christ is to be without hope (**Ephesians 2:12**). Most are in this location (**Matthew 7:13-14**), because they have not obeyed the gospel (**2 Thessalonians 1:6-9**).

Where are you? Are you in Christ? Are you away from Christ due to having fallen? Are you outside Christ because of having not obeyed the gospel? “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith...” (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). By Charles C. Pugh III