

October — December 1989 Word

“LEAVE YOUR NETS and FOLLOW ME”! Matthew 4:20–21

What a life-changing and challenging commandment!

This Jesus spoke to two fishermen. He has a way of giving a commandment so it thunders through our being and makes obeying a very normal thing. “You mean I leave my means of making a living? Leave mother, father and family?” Yes, [that is the type of commitment it takes to get from hell to heaven](#). Now Jesus is talking here about that inner man who is responsible for all of our actions. Physically leaving all will not necessarily change a person. He is calling that inner man to arms. Then you may ask, “You mean hell is right here”? Yes! Any attachment to the world anchors us to the (grave) of self called “hell”. If you don’t believe hell is here, ask someone who has survived Auschwitz or someone dying of AIDS. Ask Jim Bakker where hell is. He probably thought “the rapture” would intervene and keep him from God’s judgment, but the Bible says everyone must come to the judgment seat of Christ. If you’re still an unbeliever, ask God to open your eyes to reality.

Now let me tell you a little mystery. Our old nature loves hell (the grave) for it is dead in trespasses and in sins, and the grave is the place for dead people. Nor would it be at home in heaven. Only a new creation, the product of our death to all our old life, will be content in heaven with God. [The Kingdom of God \(heaven\) is within us; so is the Kingdom of Satan \(hell\) within us \(Luke 17:21\)](#).

The tomb keeping Christendom in nets is the church. The Roman soldiers are still keeping the people in the tomb, but instead of Roman garb, they wear pastors’ and priests’ garb. Please do not get angry with the truth. Embrace it so it begins to awaken you. [The time is at hand for all to come forth from the grave \(John 5:28–29a\)](#). Can you hear Him call you to come out and be separated unto Him? He said His sheep would hear His voice. Or are you not one of His sheep?

It takes a courageous person to follow Christ. “What will my religious friends say when I begin seeing through the religious game-playing and no longer embrace any religion? What if I leave all and He doesn’t take care of me?” These are some of the thoughts that many times hinder us.

It takes a courageous person to give up his will — his right to have his own way in matters that seem important. It takes a humble person to say, “Forgive me — I was wrong.”

It takes dedication to lean not on your own understanding as your old world collapses and the new world is nowhere to be found.

It takes a pioneer to step into the unknown. And yet [Christ is calling each and every one of us to awaken from our slumber, storm the gates of hell and find that place in God’s heart that Jesus has prepared for us, that place called heaven](#).

Woodstock was much in the news last month. It was an event that took place outside of Bethel, New York, 20 years ago last month. Bethel means “the house of God” and York means “year”. [Woodstock was a type of the graves opening](#). As I looked at the pictures and saw all the sleeping bags, it looked like thousands of grave clothes or empty cocoons. I’ve had my own personal “Woodstock” and am grateful to God that Christ came into my life and led me back home to my Father.

And now, dear people of America, the dawning of a new day, the third day, is at hand. I pray the spirit of slumber be lifted from our eyes and that God receives the fruit He has been waiting for.

After writing the above message, I was compelled to write the following: “...THAT I MAY KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION” (Philippians 3:10).

What is your goal as a Christian? **Is your one desire in life “To know Him and the power of His resurrection”?** Or are you caught up in one of the many snares that the enemy puts before us? Paul warned us not to stray from the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. Many who have received Christ and have seen beyond the confines of the church, began the trek back to God and then went off on the Israel campaign trail, not realizing that a true Jew is anyone who has been circumcised in his heart (Romans 2:29). It makes no difference if he is black, white, Israeli, German or American. God is no respecter of persons. **Once we know Him and the power of the resurrection, all mysteries are not mysteries anymore.** This mystery of the hardening of Israel is no longer a mystery, nor is the mystery of the marriage of Christ and the church a mystery to those who are reconciled back to God.

One of the most ridiculous snares is the rapture doctrine — a doctrine of man that makes void the cross. It is difficult for me to believe that any Bible-reading, Spirit led, thinking person could believe in this fantasy. Surely the devil has had a heyday with this one.

It is arrogance that keeps us from the reality of God. Christ’s disciples are given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God today as they were 2,000 years ago. Some people I know met Christ 40 years ago and are

still wandering around in the wilderness. The prize has eluded them because of some snare or tributary. If there are still Biblical mysteries unsolved after walking with God 25 years, you have set up false goals for yourself and ended up in a tributary.

Perhaps you are hanging onto childish things (your ministry, speaking in tongues, church ritual, or old doctrines). Perhaps you love your old life (rotten as it may be) more than you love God. Perhaps you were not courageous enough to come out of your grave when He called you!

There are many reasons why Christians never attain the prize of the high calling. **Death is a very comfortable enemy and most people prefer it to going through all the hassle, reproach and pain entailed in making our way back to God and making His Kingdom a reality in our lives.**

Oh, the riches of the simplicity of the gospel. It escapes those who are high and mighty and good in their own eyes. It is hidden from the crafty and the greedy, yet it is available for everyone! Are you among those whose only desire is to know Him? I pray that the truth find its way into our hearts and begin the work to bring us back home to our everlasting Father.



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DEAREST FRIENDS,

How great His love is toward all of us. And faithful is He to finish the work He began in each of us.

We are really all excited about the ever new and interesting things happening here at Piecemakers and how it reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Doll Show was a tremendous success. Where can you go and see a show as beautiful as this without paying \$5 or \$10 for it? Nowhere but Piecemakers.

*Our “Fig Leaf” clothes and jewelry have blessed many of our customers. We try to have clothes that are unique and different and priced within the reach of everyone’s pocketbook. Our **style show** was tops. What fun! We will have our next one **NOVEMBER 11th**. Let your friends know about it. You can enjoy the **show and lunch for \$7.00**. Please call for reservations.*

Are you one who loves to enter *contests*? Well, we have a good one going. *First prize will be a quilt!* Here is what you do: Send in an *original quilt block* of your own design. We will put all the blocks on display and our customers will vote on the one that is the most unique and beautiful. Piecemakers will retain all rights to the block as we plan to print a book including all the blocks. If your block appears in the book, your name will appear with it.

I wish you could see the letters we get in telling us about the wonderful expertise of our tilers and cabinet makers. Thank you for the letters. Also, thank you for encouraging us in our obedience to write “the word” of God. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Our previous quilt raffles have been so successful that we decided to have another one. The quilt is a beautiful “Tree of Life” pattern. Donations are \$1.00 for each ticket. In addition to the first prize quilt winner, there will be other prizes for those whose names are drawn. **THE RAFFLE WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO NEW YEAR’S DAY.**

In addition to our quilt raffle on *New Year’s Day*, we’ll have our big **BALLOON BUST SALE**. We’ll get 1990 and a new decade off to a good start. Mark this day and come spend the entire day with us.

The tea room is always humming with the presence of our wonderful customers. The smell of fresh scones and cookies baking gives the upstairs that “down home” feeling. Come chat and share and get refreshed in our “tea room”. Norma is usually there and more than happy to chat with all of you.

We’re approaching the holidays, and as usual, Piecemakers will be humming with activity. **OCTOBER 14 and 15 and NOVEMBER 18 and 19** will be our **COUNTRY CRAFT FAIRS**. Once more we will have loads of entertainment, wonderful food, and many unique artisans. Mark you calendar for these special events at Piecemakers.

We will be open **THANKSGIVING** and **CHRISTMAS** with a turkey dinner for those who want to come and eat. We are ever grateful to God for our abundant food and would like to share it.

EVERY SATURDAY, Andrea will be demonstrating upstairs in the “Village”. She is a very talented young lady and will be demonstrating *how to do flower and fruit arrangements of all kinds*.

Have you noticed our ever-growing supply of beads and jewelry-making goodies? Our bead counter is upstairs by the cash register. Katie and Lori are usually available for suggestions and help.

Sad to say, our home in Julian is sold. Many took advantage of the times of refreshing that little home provided. We called it “a place in God’s heart”, and those who went up there can attest to that description fitting it pretty well. With that door closing, I’m sure God has a bigger and better one opening up. Watch and see!

Once again we will have our big “**PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE**” the weekend of **NOVEMBER 24th, 25th and 26th**. There will be a storewide sale with the emphasis on Christmas items. Hot apple cider and snacks will help make this a fun time. The store is brimming over with gifts for all members of the family.

Please help us with our mailing list. Once again it is up to the 20,000 mark and we’re sure some schedules are filed in the trash because of changes of addresses and other addressing errors. **Mail or bring in the coupon on the back page if you want to continue hearing from us.**

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS are all listed in our “**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**” on the back page. After the holidays are over and “the holiday blues” begin to set in, come and refresh yourself at Piecemakers’ “**AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE**”. We intend to empty out the store and prepare for spring and summer. *The entire week between Christmas and New Year’s will be filled with bargains, music, and festivities, and we’ll wind it up with a “New Year’s Day Balloon Bust Sale” — with prizes for everyone. For other important events, check the “Calendar of Events”.*

With God stirring up all of our lives and demanding that we be conformed to His life, let us pray that we all make it through the day of change, learn how to humble ourselves under His mighty hand, and yield ourselves to His ways. May the God of Israel bless all of you and keep you and your children.

Marie